

Cemetery Photos

Cedar Chapel Cemetery

DeKalb County, IN
Rd 68



Joel DeLong 152 IND Inf.
Son of G.W. DeLong

DeLong Section- Top of Hill

4 little stones
are Joel's little
daughters.





Part of old Section, Top of Hill, looking East



Looking Southeast - Church behind tree

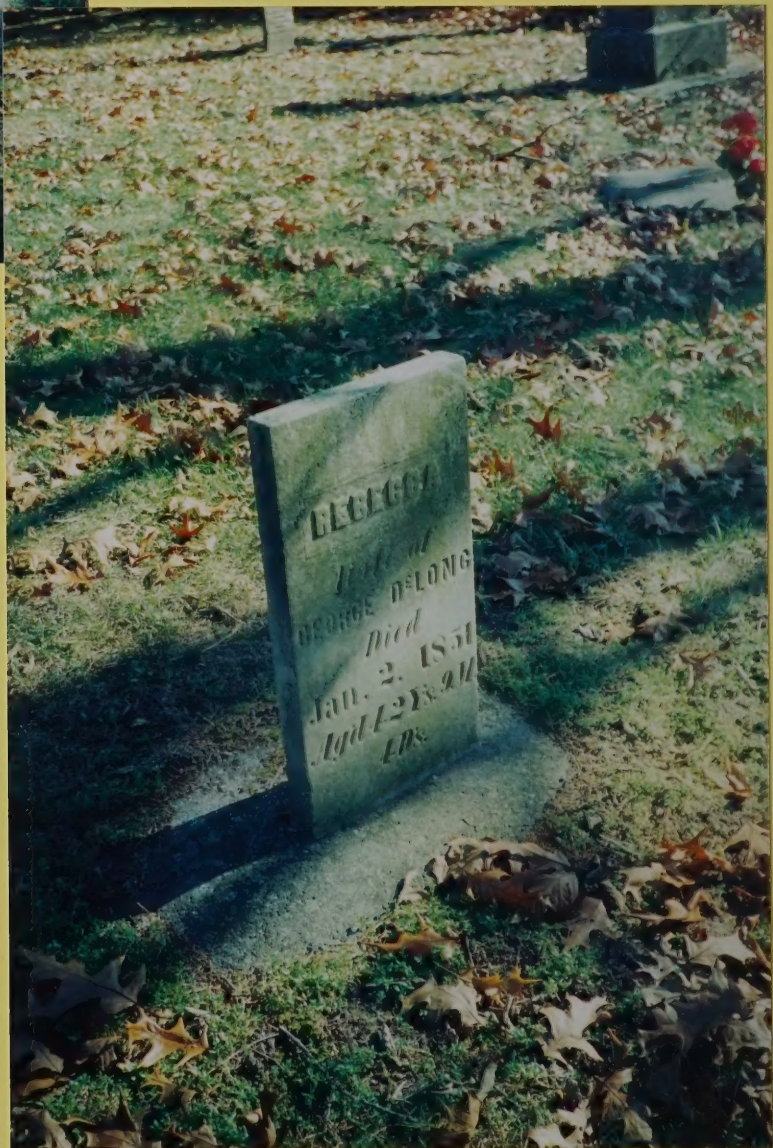


Joel DeLong - Memorial Day 2001

photos of 2001
Stones appear
to be newly cleaned



George + Rebecca
Dehong





George DeLong — Son of Joseph - Cousin of Sarah



MARY ANN DeLong - wife of Gilbert Patterson



ANNA FAIR



Two of Joel's daughters - Ida and Loretta



Looking East toward Church



Looking Southeast



looking NE Slab is where our gravestone is to be placed



looking West John + Belle Fitch Otis + Esther Fitch



Looking SE



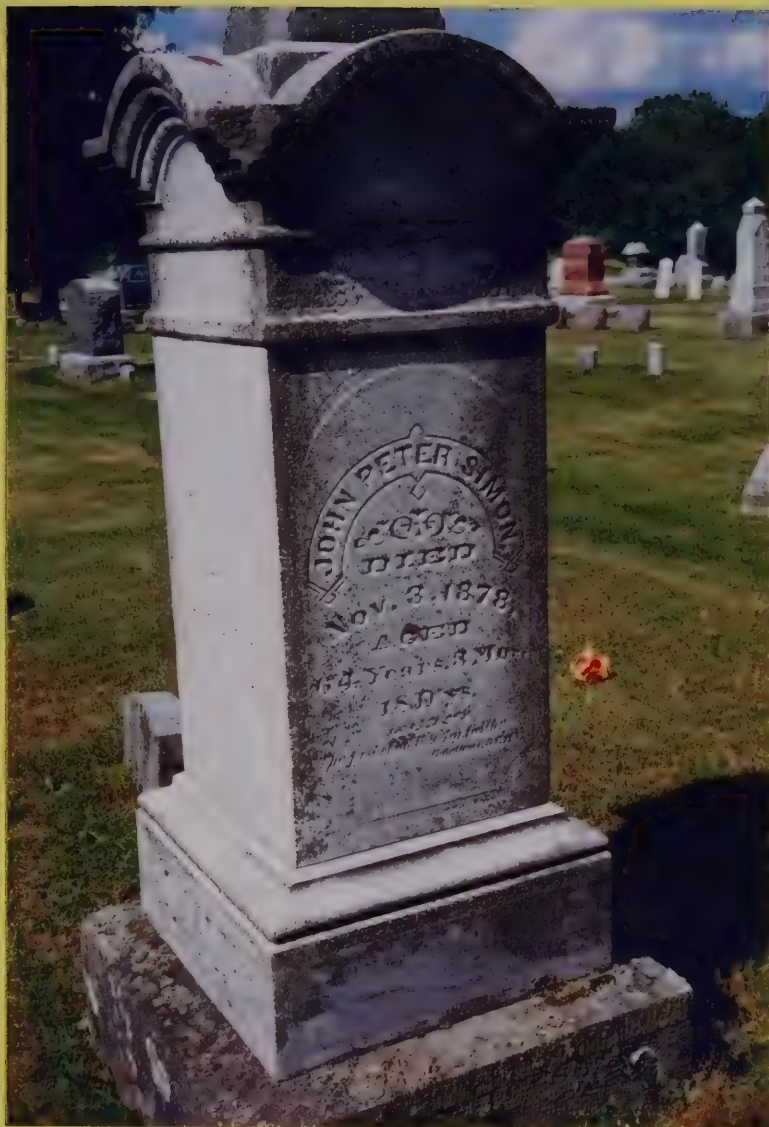
Looking East Some OBER graves



Looking NE



MARY S. wife of John Lung
died March 28, 1865 Age 21 yrs.



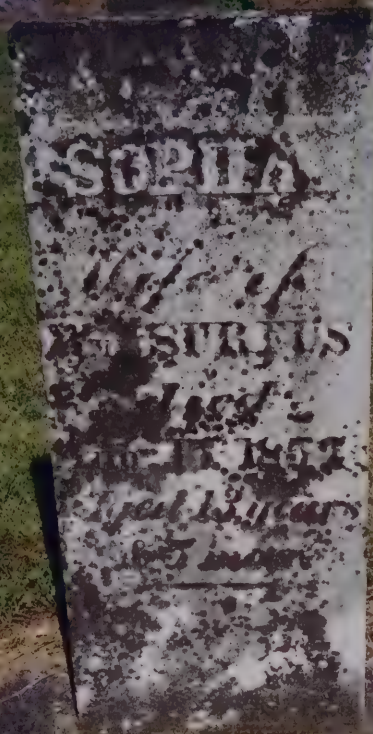
John Peter Simon
Died Nov. 3, 1878
64 yrs. 3 mo. 18 day

m.
Louisa Fair



MILTON A.
1847—1929
ANNA E. HIS WIFE
1855—1907
NETTIE M. HIS WIFE
1878—1955

CARNAHAN

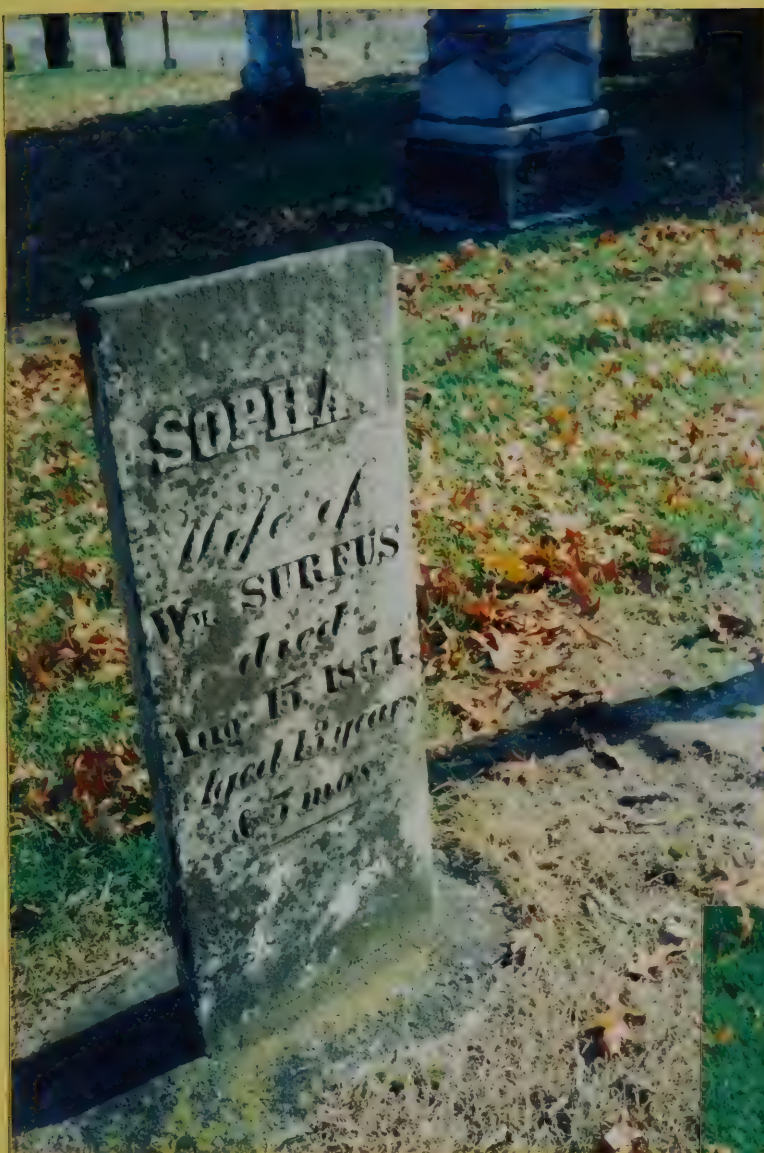


Sophia, wife of
William Surface
died
Aug 15, 1851
Aged 45 yr. 5 mo.

Sophia FAIR
da. of Peter

Louisa FAIR
wife of John Peter Simon
d.
Age



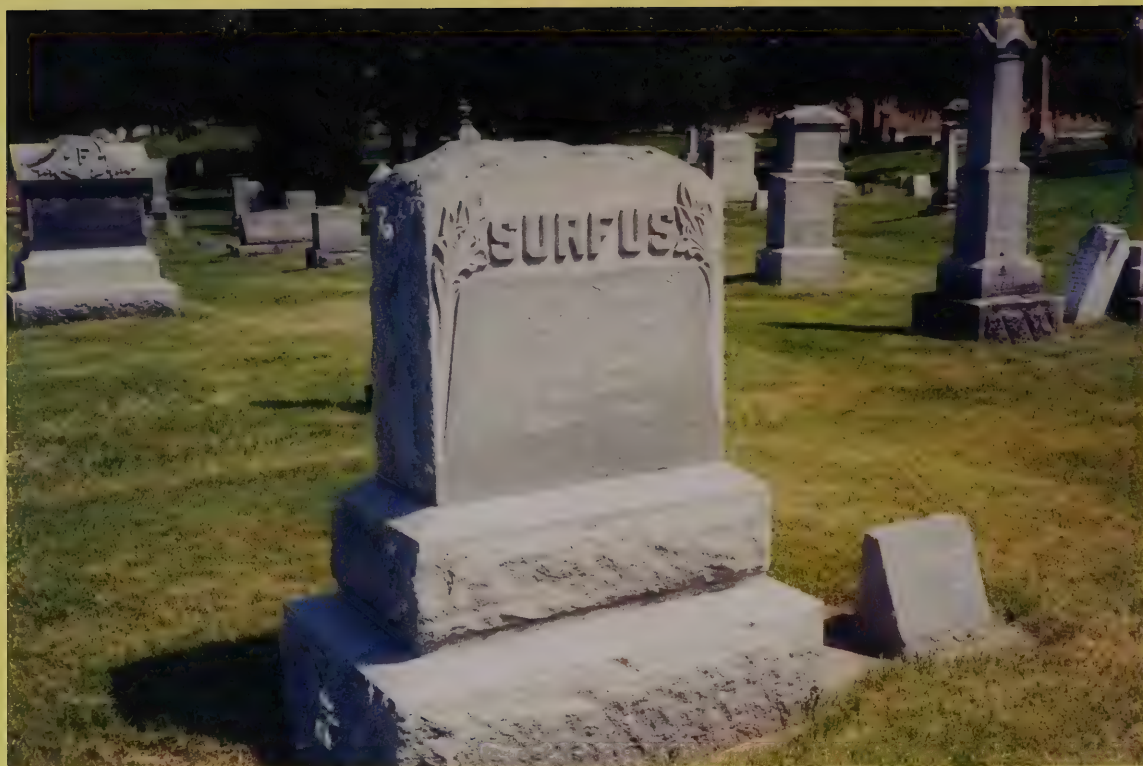


Sophia Fair
 wife of Wm. Surface
 died 8-15-1851
 Aged 73 yrs, 5 mos.
 OR
 45 yrs

Both are daughters
 of Peter Fair

Hannah N. Fair
 wife of
 Andrew Garrison
 5-8-1831
 7-9-1877





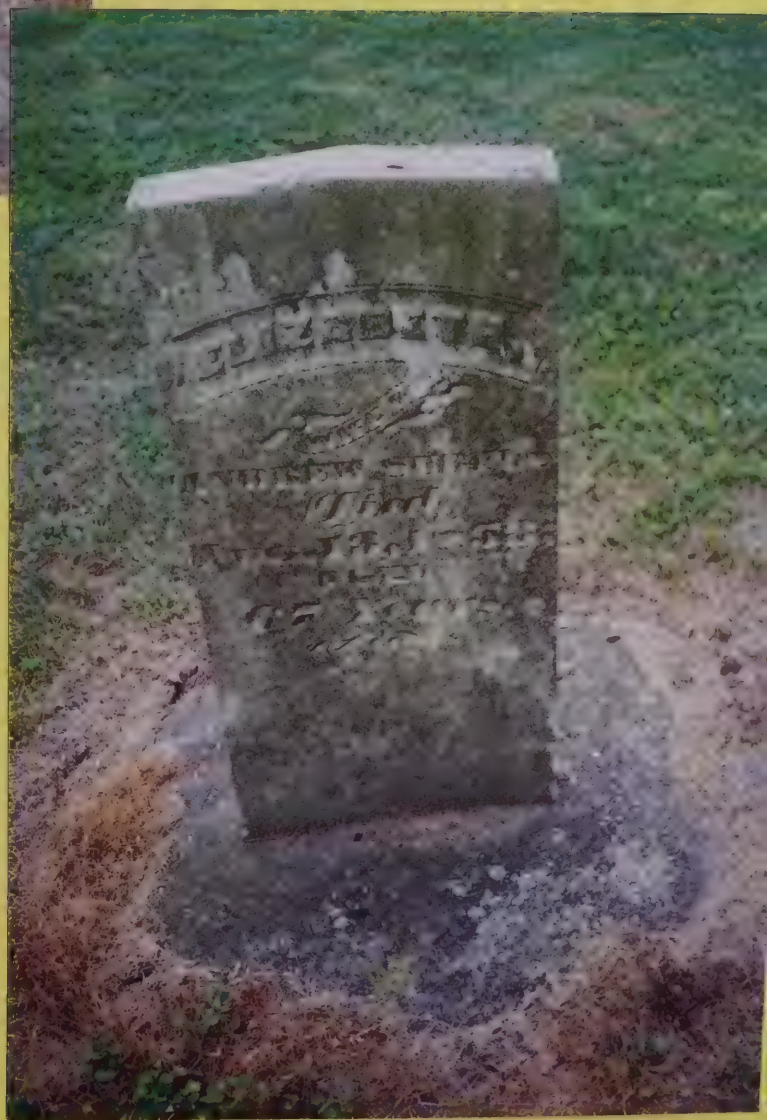
George W. Surfus 1846-1901
 An Juline Haetsel, his wife 1851-1923

Son of John & Ellen





Andrew Surfus
died Aug 11, 1853 or 1858
64 years



Elizabeth, wife of
Andrew Surfus
died
Aug 13, 1852 or 1858
67 yrs.



Royce E. Fair
1875 -

Hallie B. his wife
1875 - 1909

Grandson of
Abraham + Christena



Son of Royce — Gr. Grandson of Abraham + Christena



William Henry Fair
1843 - 1921

SARAH A. Moody/Moudy
1848 - 1912

taken 2004

William, son of Abraham + Christina



*Dick & Mary's
stone suddenly turned
up at the foot of ours
in 2006.*



Gone to be with Jesus







Taken Memorial Day 2001



Aug.

2006



SARAH Josephine Kistler
and 1910-1991
Cecil E. Fitch
1912-1988



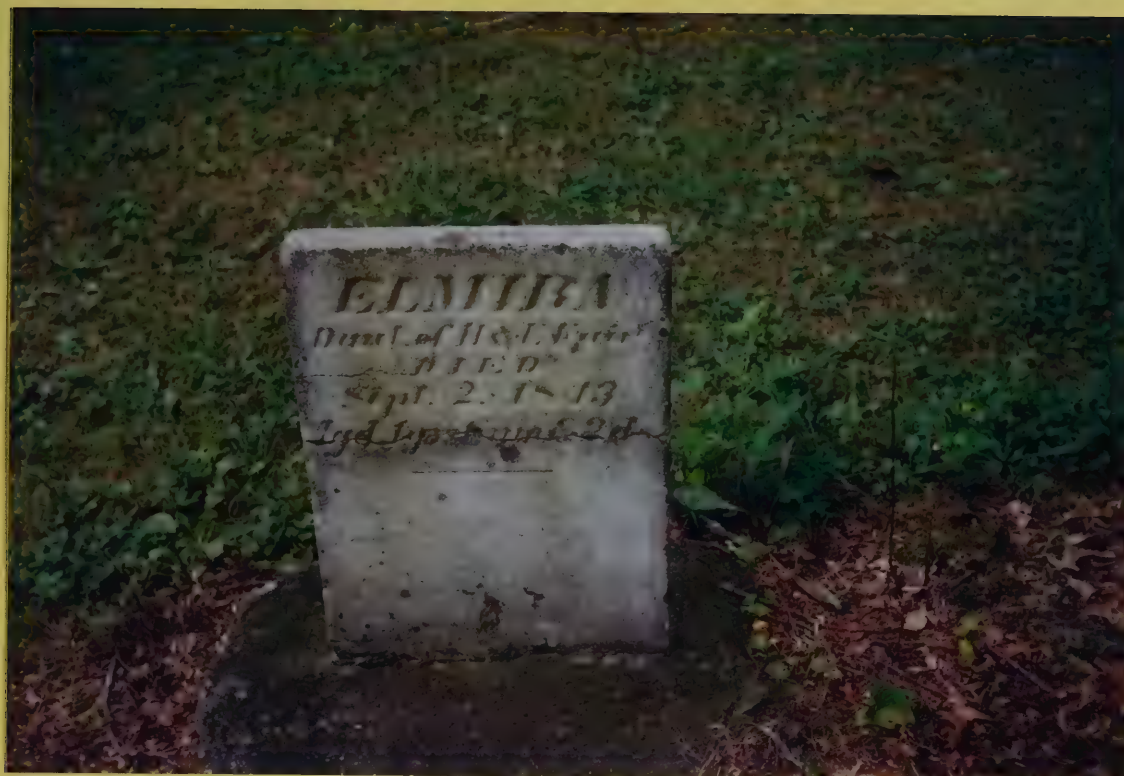
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WARREN



Cemetery taken from the Church
 Corner of Rd 68 + 11A
 Butler Township, DeKalb Co., IN





Elmira dau. of H + E, Henry Fair + Eliz. Norman
 died Sept. 2, 1843
 Aged yr 5 mo + 2 days



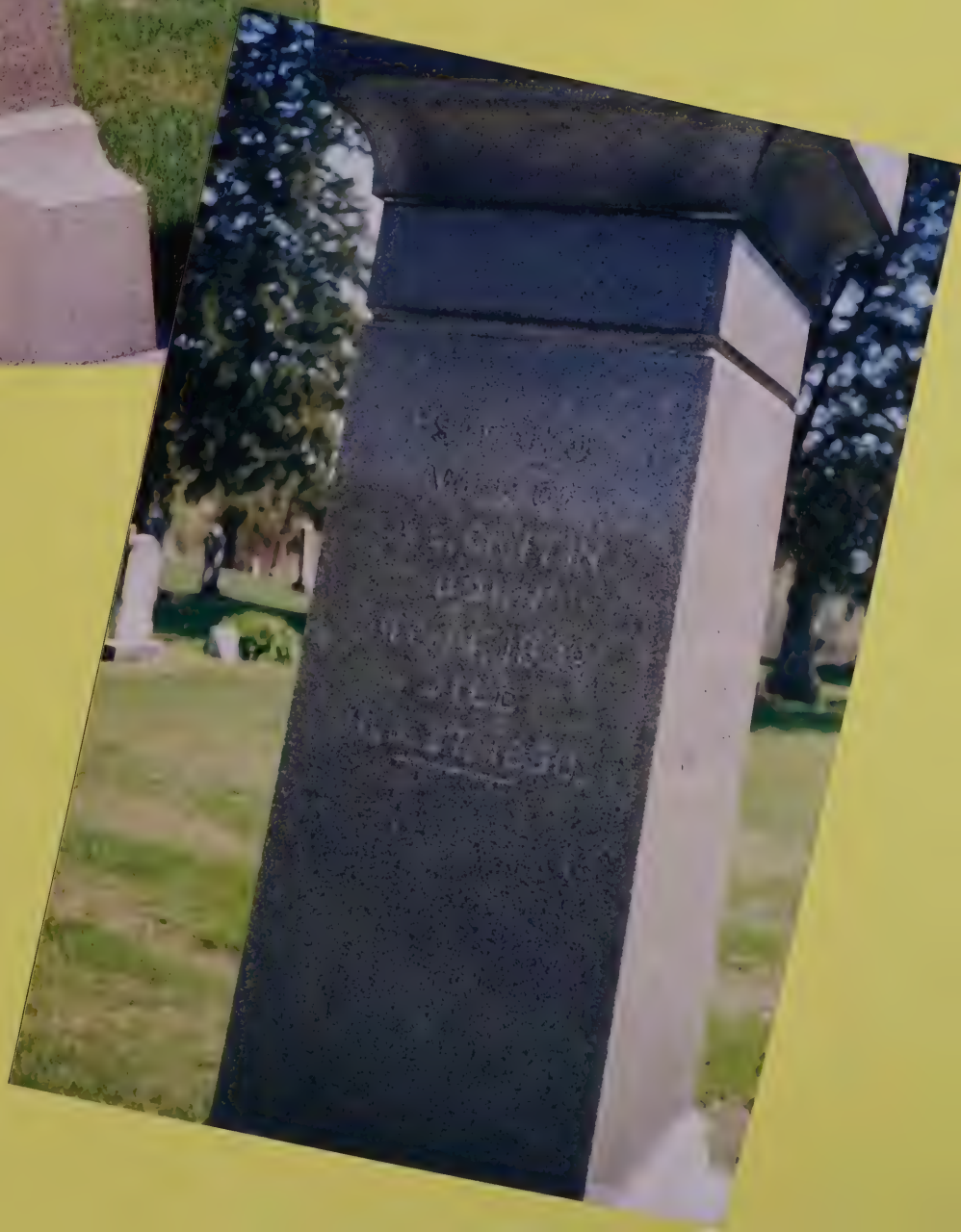
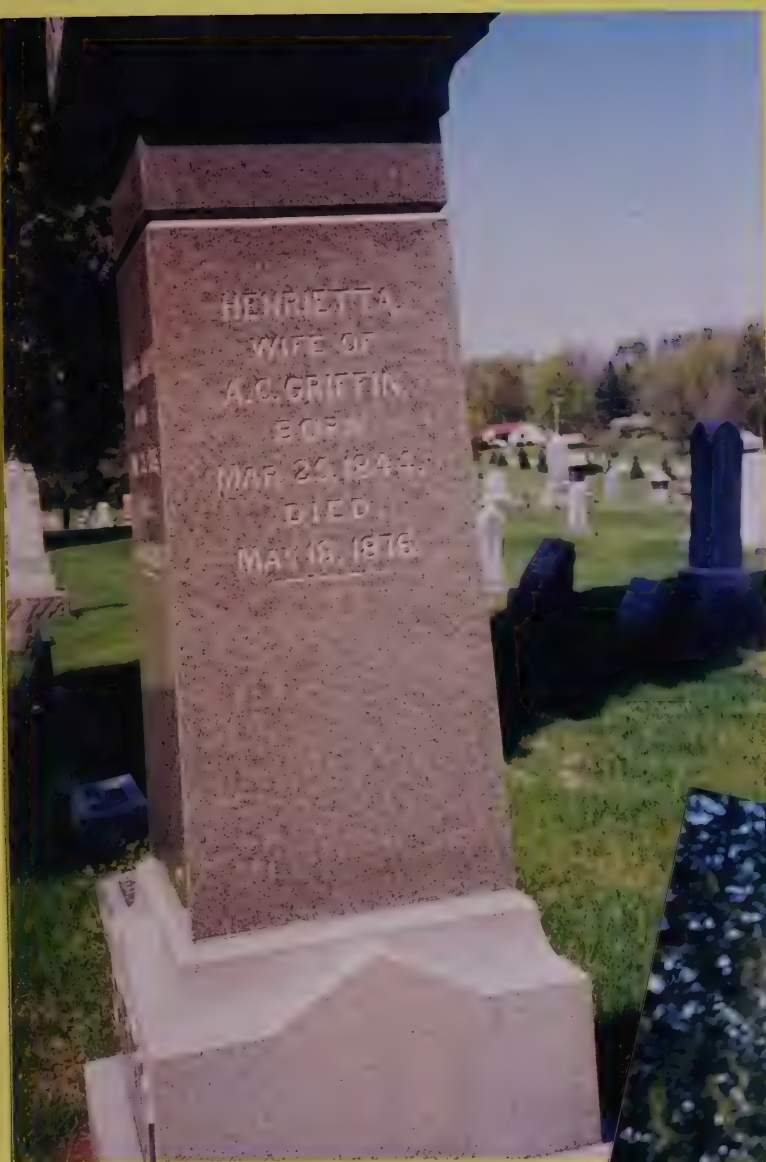
Henrietta dau. of I. or L. + C. Fair not sure about who this is
 born July 26, 1849 or 1840
 died



ALANSON C. Griffin



Cedar Chapel Cemetery



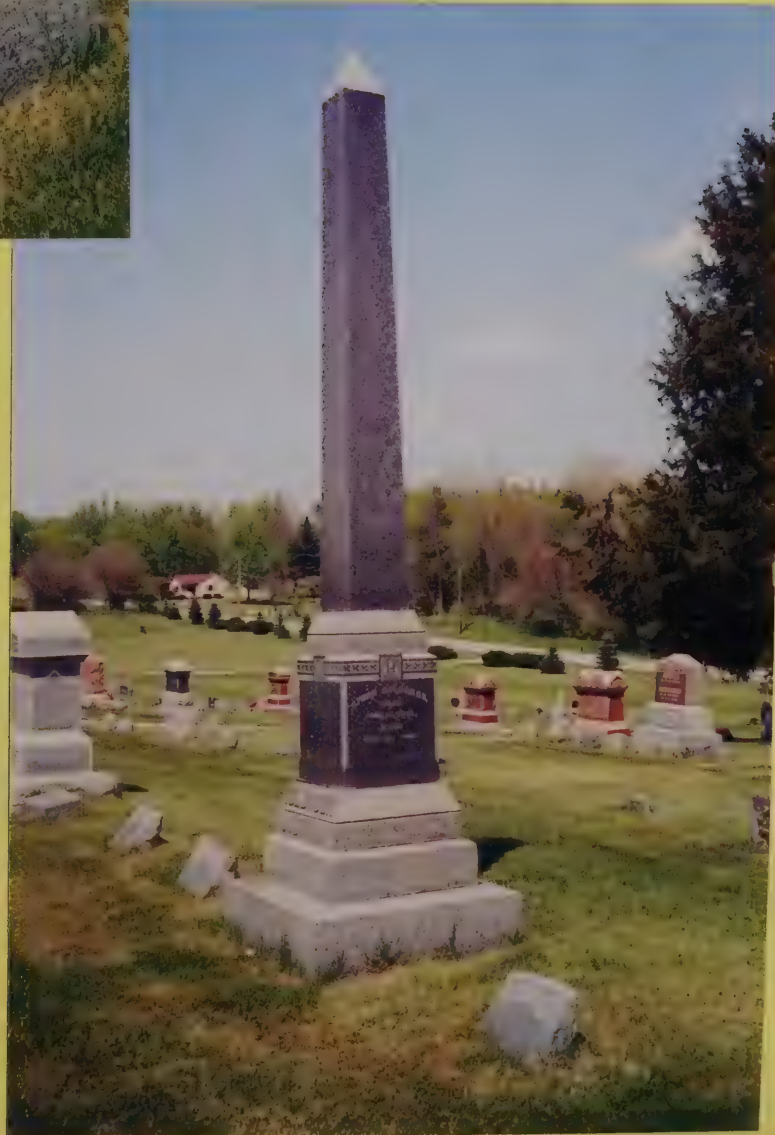
2 of Alanson's wives
 Henrietta Surfus
 +
 SARAH Jane Vandolah



Lyman Holbrook, Early settler whose descendants still live on the land.

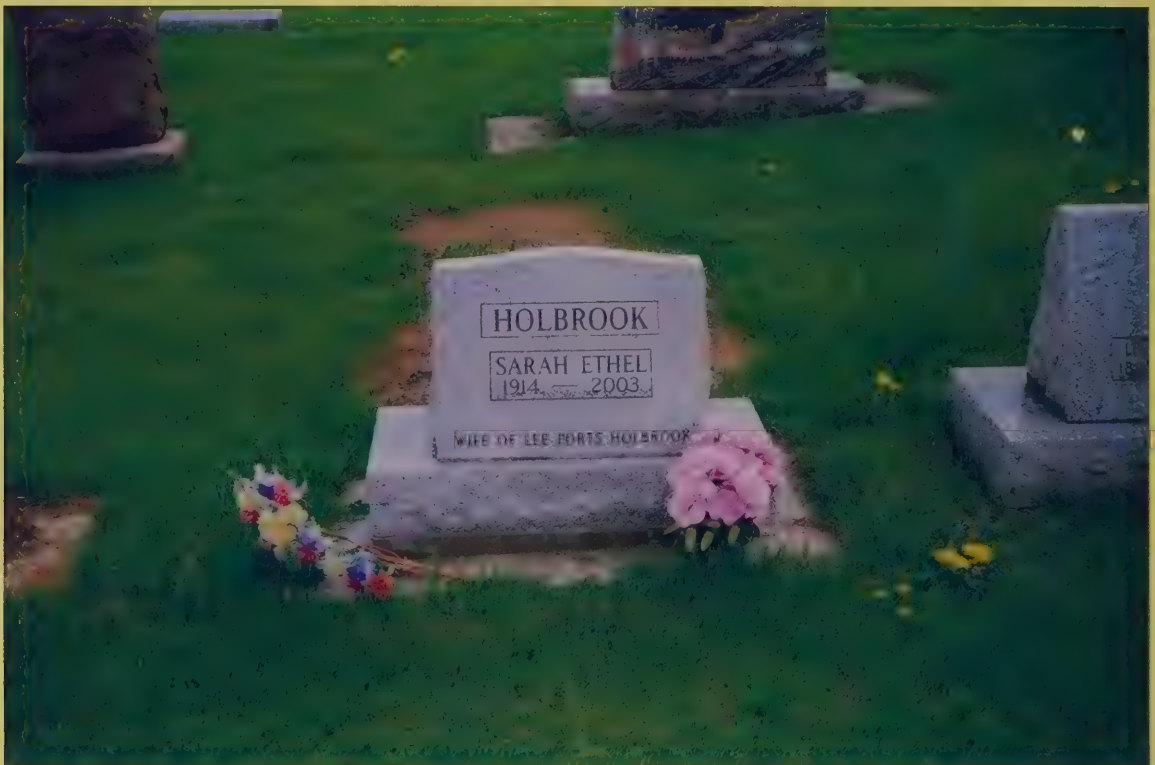


Unidentified
so far





Lee "Ports" and his 2 wives





David W. Fair son of Abraham & Christina



David Stonestreet
d. 1-11-1890

64 yr, 3 M, 4 D

Rebecca, his wife
d. 10-17-1902

89 yr, 9 M, 3 D

Cedar Chapel
Cemetery
DeKalb Co., IN

Stonestreet family - prob. of Gravel pit family



John & Ellen Sufus

Son

George W.
1846-1901



Anjuline
Hartzel
1851-1923

George
&
Anjuline



Helen 1910-1991 Taft 1908-1985
Parents of Shirley Underwood



William Surfus
1873-1953

Rosalind E.
1879-1955



Henry & Effie Hogue

EFFIE WAS A KING



d. 8-5-1872
Aged 54 yrs,
5 months

Henry W. Hogue



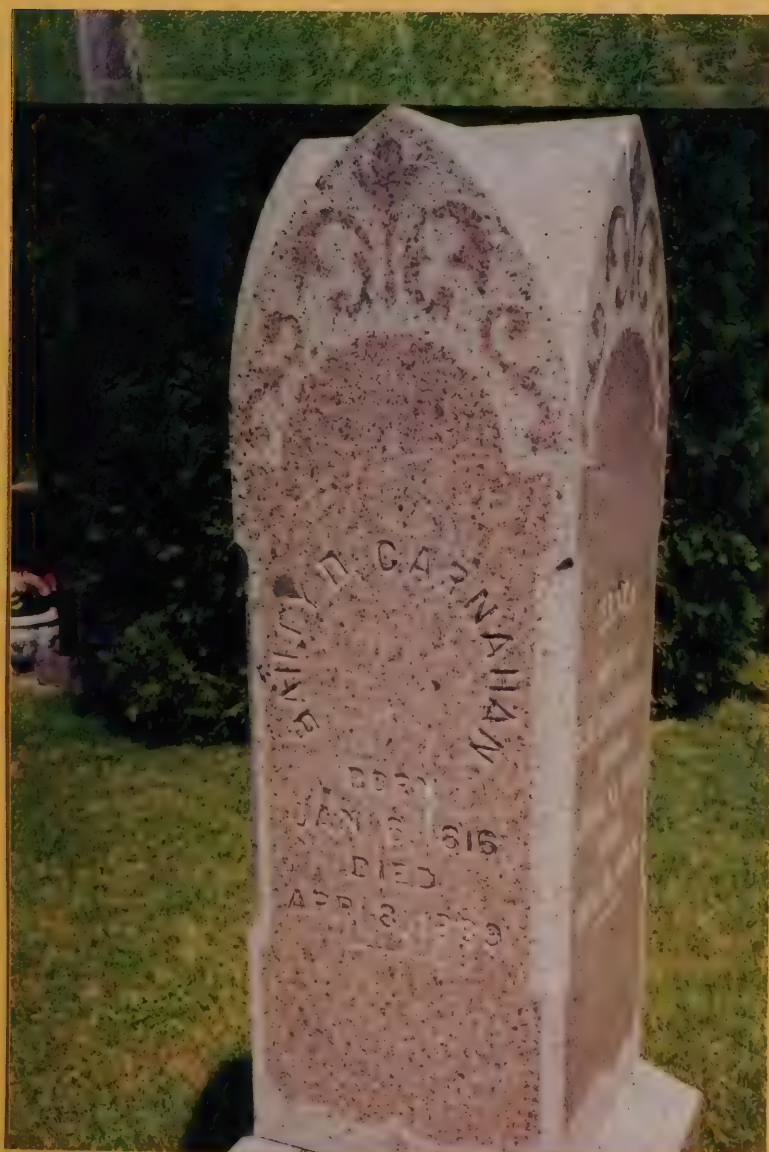
James, son of
John and
Cornelia





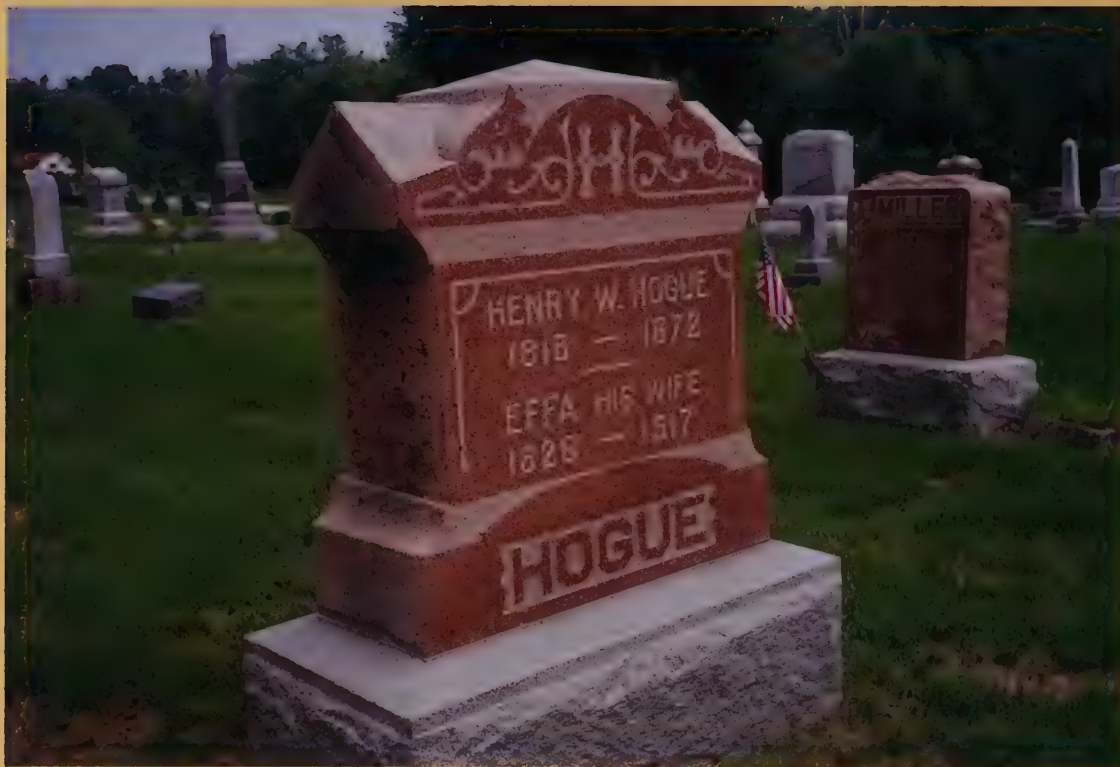
Orpha A.
1881-1977

Charles
1881-1928



Bailey D. Carnahan
b. 1-5-1816-18
d. 4-8-1889 - OR 1880

Eliza, wife of
b.
d.



Henry has two tombstones



Effa King was raised by George DeLong after her parents died.



Edward S. Kelham son of Joseph & Margaret



Joseph, son of Edward & Sarah



Old Section



My
Teacher

Effie
taught typing
and shorthand
at
Garrett H.S.
Never
married

Father was
David
Gr Father was
Jacob



La Monna "Monnie"
1916 - 1994

Ambrose 1914 - 1983



Albert 1914 - 2000

MARRIED 1938

Brothers and twins

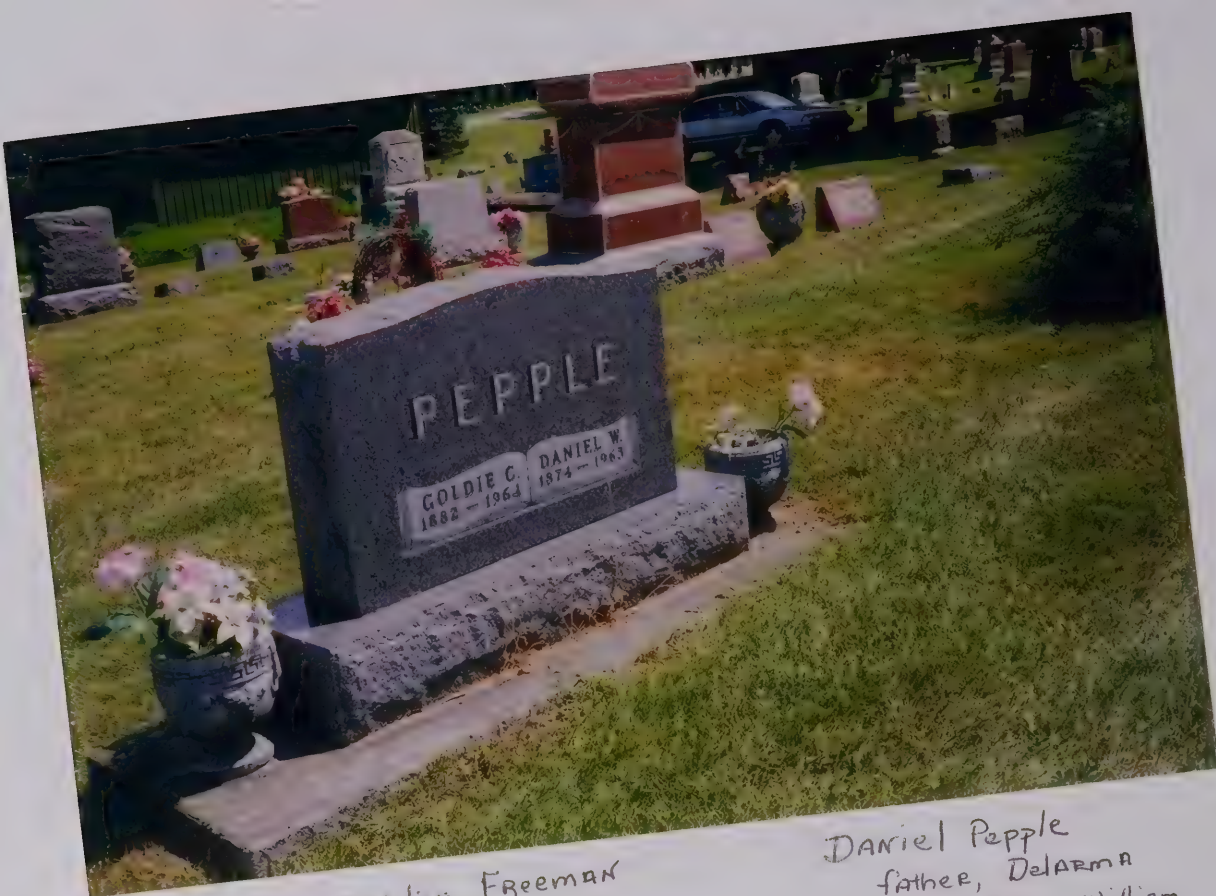


Younger Brother Robert 1917-1997
 married 1944
 Jean 1919-



William A. Thrush son of Albert
 & Dorothy
 March 11, 1945
 Jan 8, 1999





Goldie Freeman

Daniel Pepple
father, Delama
gr. father, William



Cecil's Parents

Alpharetta Pence

William H. Myers
Wm's father was Nathaniel



CORK Smith — Softball friend from GARRETT
 MARCIA KOTHAMER — "Next door" neighbor to the Fitches.



Robert and Eloise Knott — Friends from Cedar Creek Church. Our teen class had many parties at their home. WARREN & I visited them in the late 1990's. They were still living in their same farm home, north on the Road past the Kelham home.



Albert
1914-2000

Dorothy
1911-

Dorothy and Albert Thrush. Dorothy was Esther's best friend in her last years. Albert was the twin brother to Ambrose. Dorothy's maiden name was Lytle, an Ohio family.

Richard Alan Thrush 8-23-1945 to 8-15-1997
Larry Walter Thrush

Lomana and Ambrose Thrush. Lomana "Montie" was Esther's best friend and helper for many years on the farm. After she was unable, Dorothy and Albert took over. "Montie" was remarried after Ambrose died.

Ambrose - 1914 - 1983
Lomana - 1916 - 1994

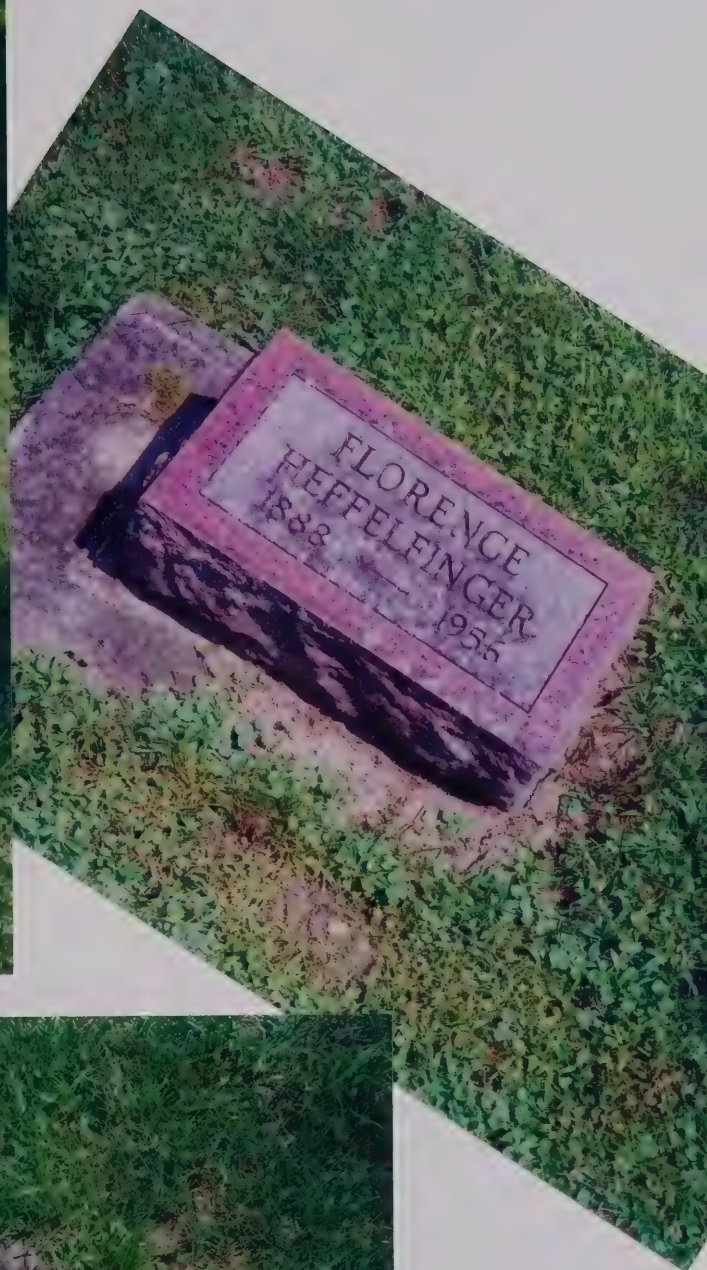


More Surfus / Surface Families



SARAH Josephine And Cecil E. Fitch
1910-1991 1912-1988







Issac
m
Eliz. Sheets
"Settler in DeKalb"

Friends And Neighbors

Cedar
Chapel
Cemetery



Cutler —
A GARRETT
family

Forrest Cutler — Older brother of Kenny Cutler
1919-2001 Both Forrest and Kenny were softball players
Deloris 1920-2003 And played with WARREN.



Gene Brumbaugh — In our S.S. class at
Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren — teen years
Gene was Bonnie's younger brother
His mother was Mary Brumbaugh



Lucille and Merle TRAVIS — Jim's Parents
1912-19 1911-1977



Jim TRAVIS - WARREN's best boyhood friend 1931-1967

Jim married MARGE POORMAN. They had 2 daughters.
Jim showed his illness, Schizophrenia, when they were babes.
He became jealous and threatening so they divorced.
Jim was put in a home and died in 1967 at age 36.
WARREN lost track of him during those years.



A pretty
stone



Joseph Simon
1844 - 1908

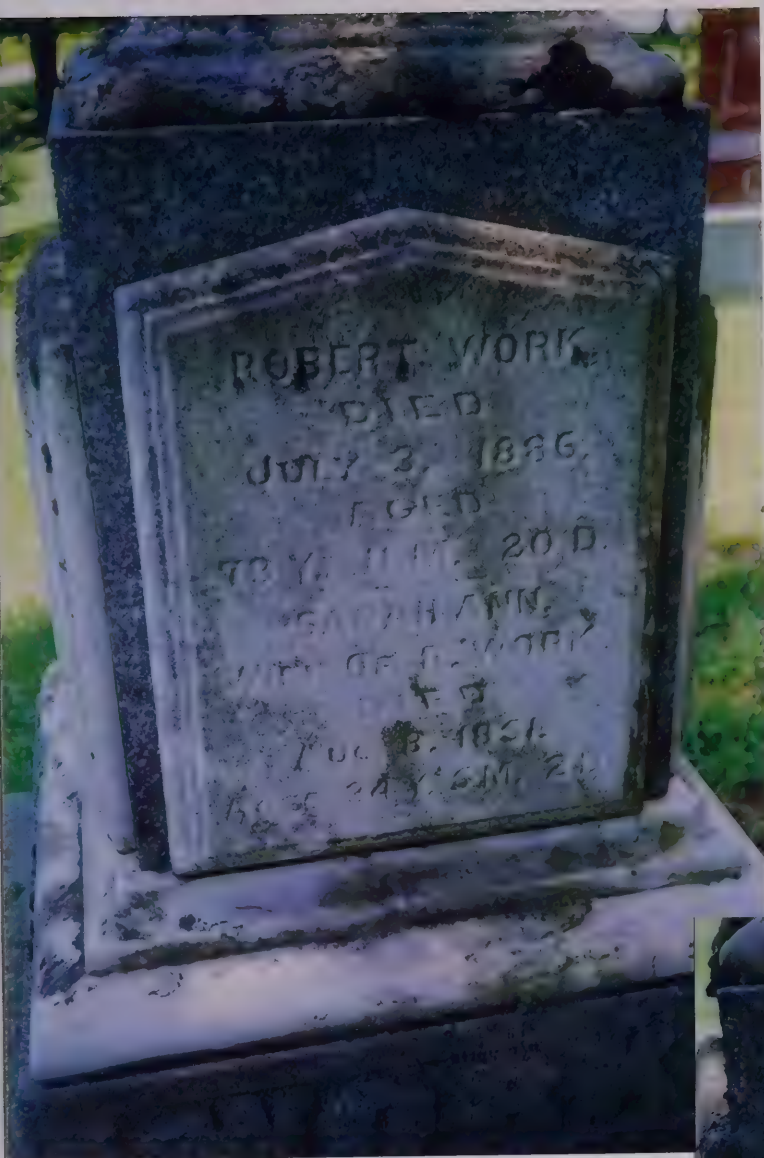
MARY A. YARIAN
1845 - 1924



SURFUS

ROSALIND E.
1879 — 1955

WILLIAM
1873 — 1953



Robert Work

died July 3, 1886

Aged 73 y 11m 20d

Sarah Ann Embry

died Aug 8, 1854

Aged 34 y 5m 2d

DAU. Martha E. wife of John P.
Shoaff d. 3-18(?) - 1869

DAU. Sophia A.

died 3-2-1862

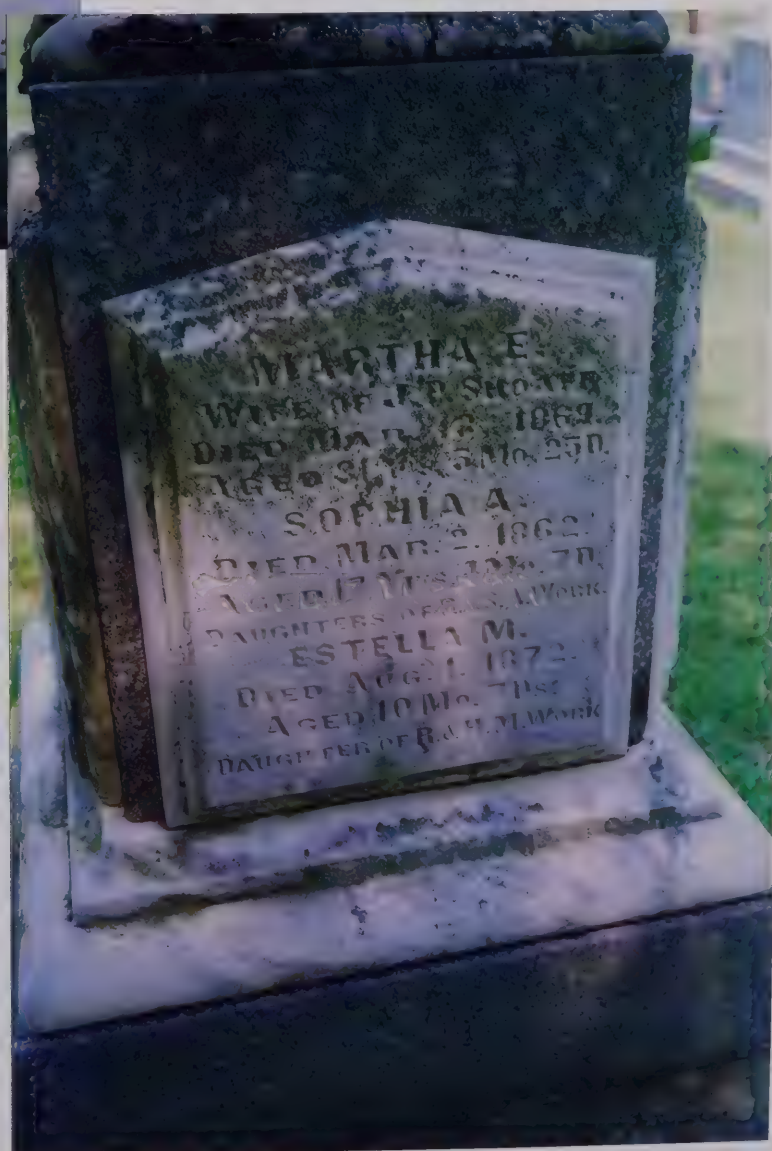
Aged 17 y, 4 m, 7 d

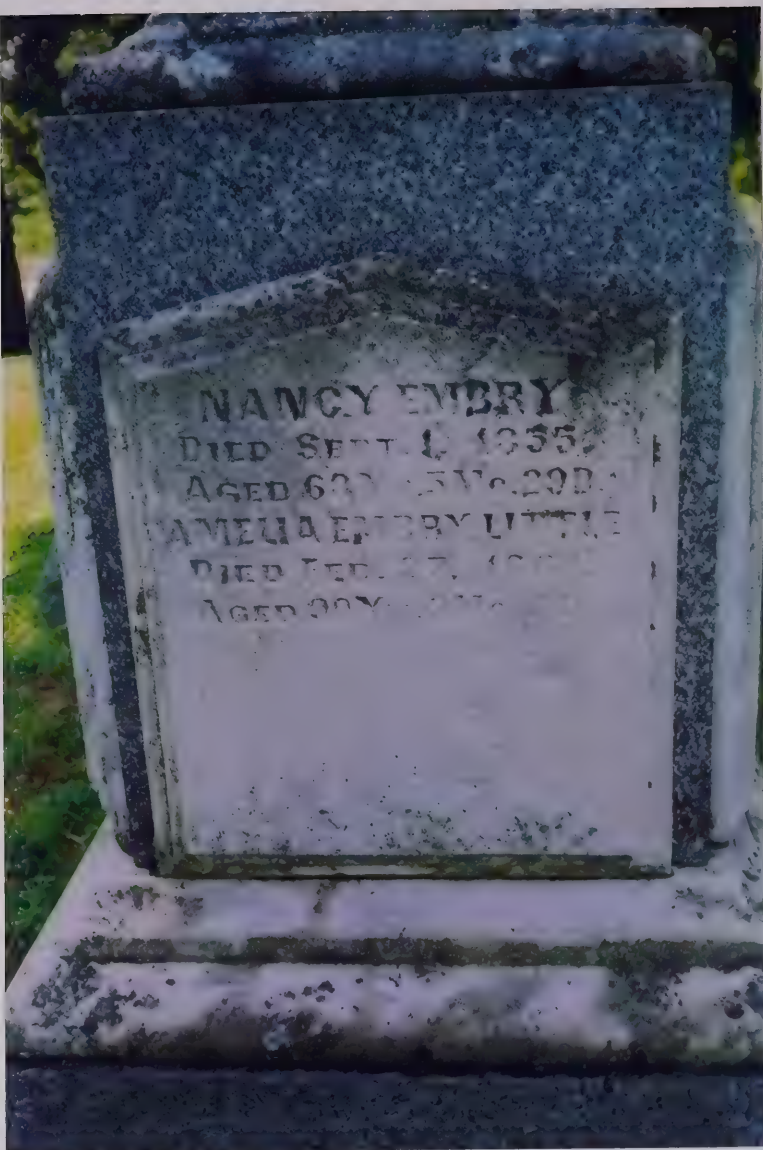
DAU. Estella M.

died 8-1-1872

Aged 10 m, 7 d

Estella was the
DAU. of Robert and
his 2nd wife, Hanna





One of these may be Sarah's
mother.

Nancy - 1787-1855

Amelia - 1774-1864

Sarah - 1820-1854

Leo Cemetery Photos

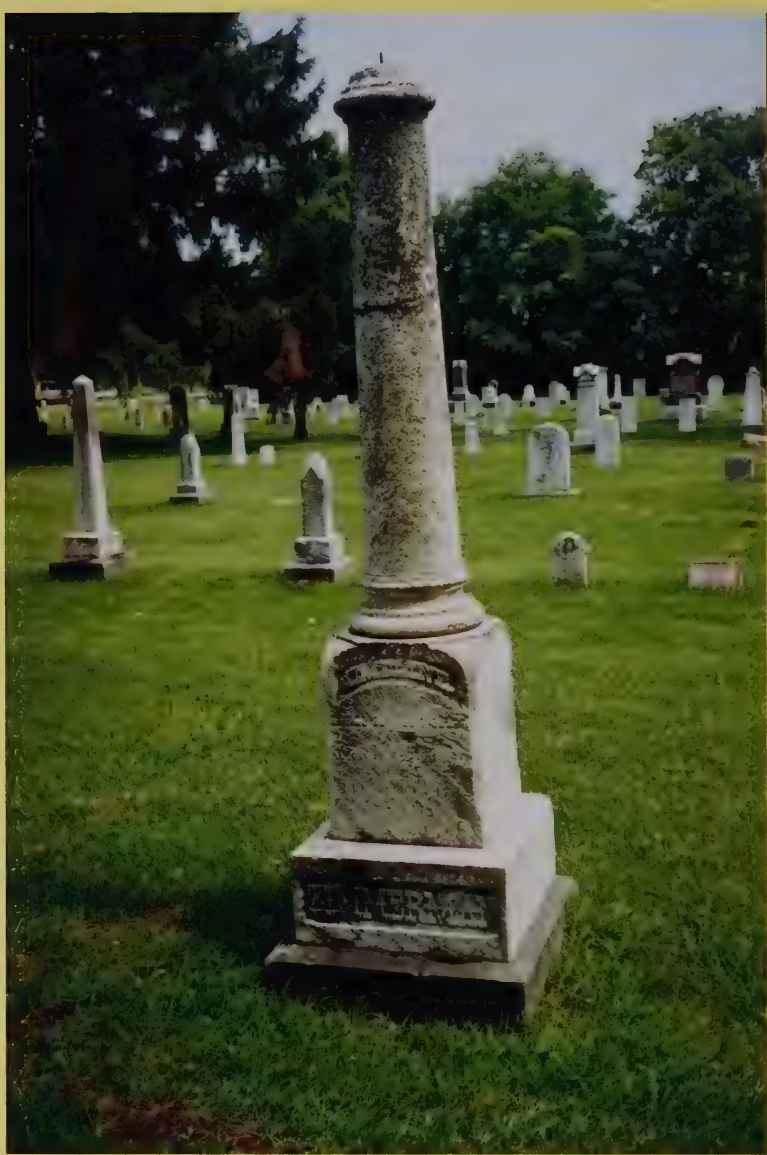


Wesley Hollopeter
died April 8, 1873

wife

Rosanna Edmonds
died June 19, 1872





Emeline
Zimmerman





Lydia
died MARCH 28, 1873

Abraham
died Dec. 16, 1869



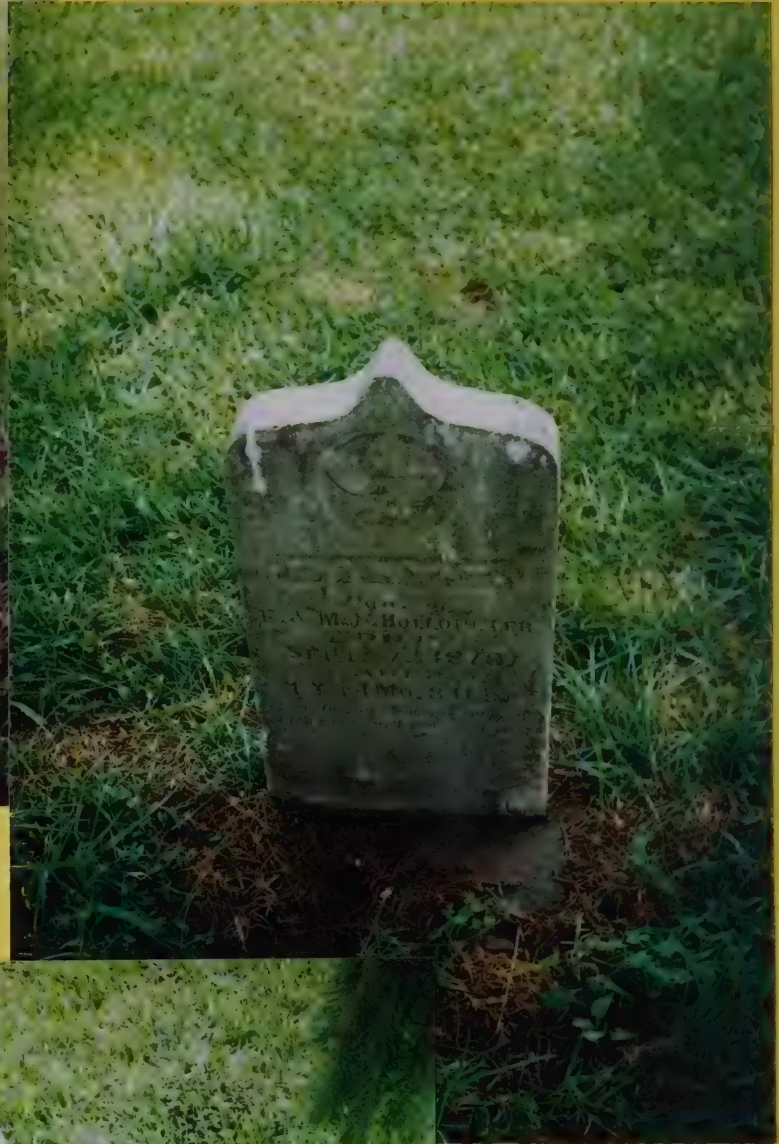
MARGARET
da. of Abraham & Lydia

Virginia, 1st wife
of John Wesley

CARY E. Hollopeter
died Sept 7, 1873
dau. of Enoch & Mary



Enoch Hollopeter son of
d. April 24, 1873 Wesley

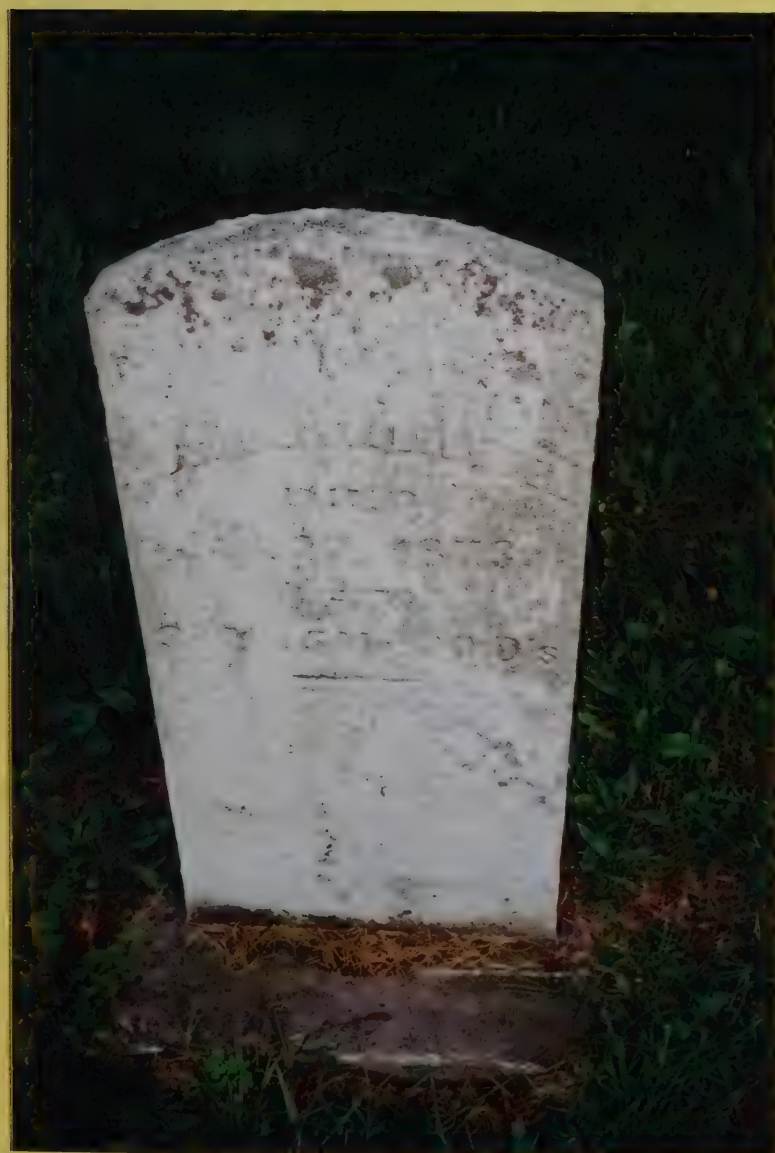


MORT
son of Enoch
&
MARY
1864-1928





Mort



Susan E. (Hannen)

1st wife of Mathias

d. 1-27-1873



Joseph R.

Son of Cyrus + Lydia
died March 12, 1855

Mable Iva Hollopeter
McCrory Stevick
1885 - 1975

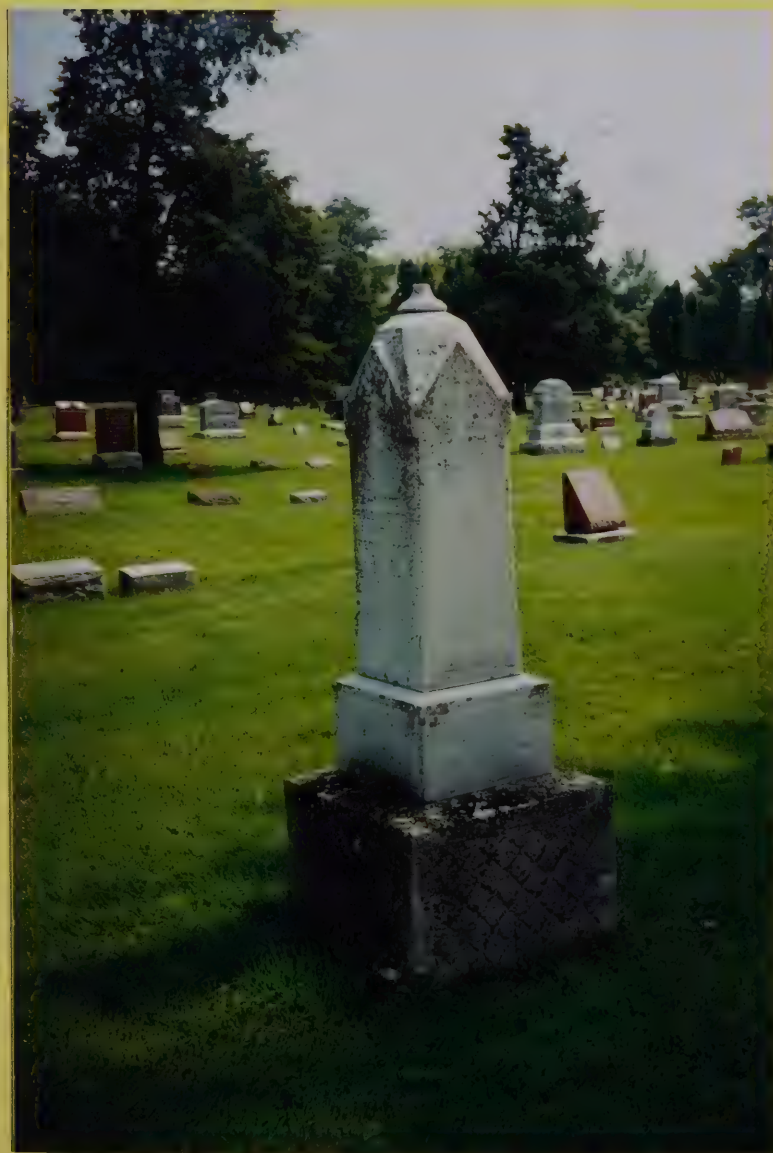




Herbert S. Hollopeter died Feb. 13, 1932

son of Wm.C.

"Uncle Beet"



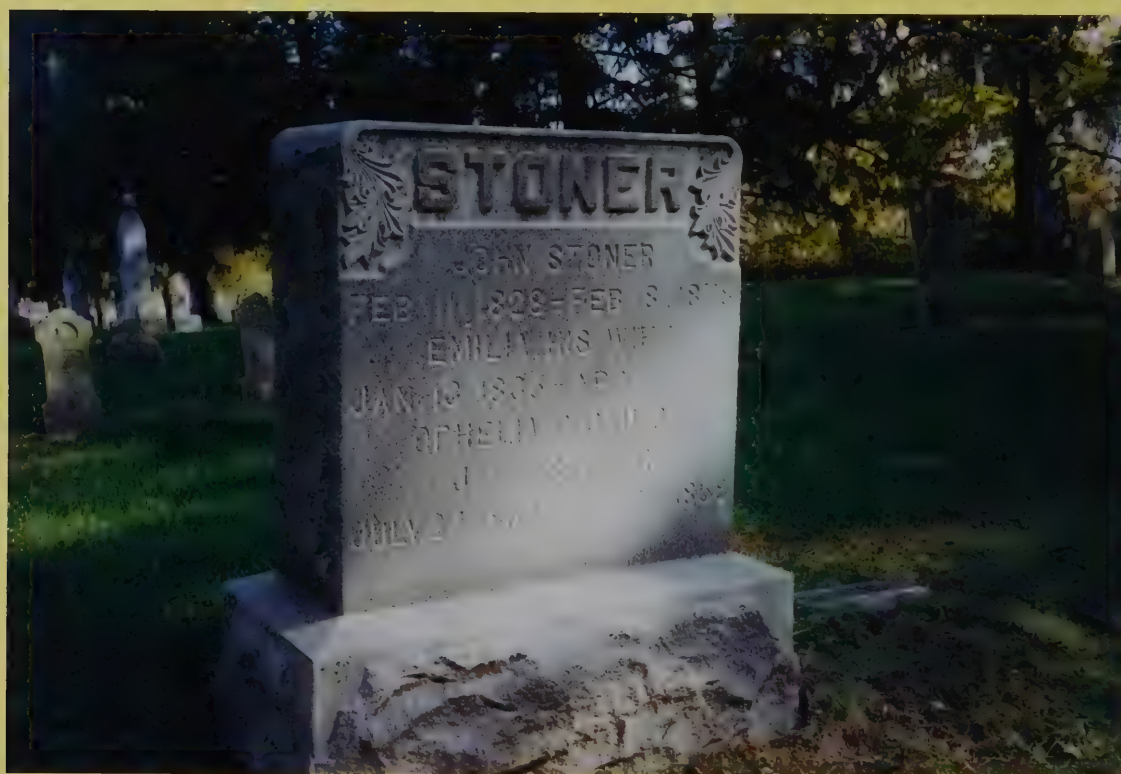
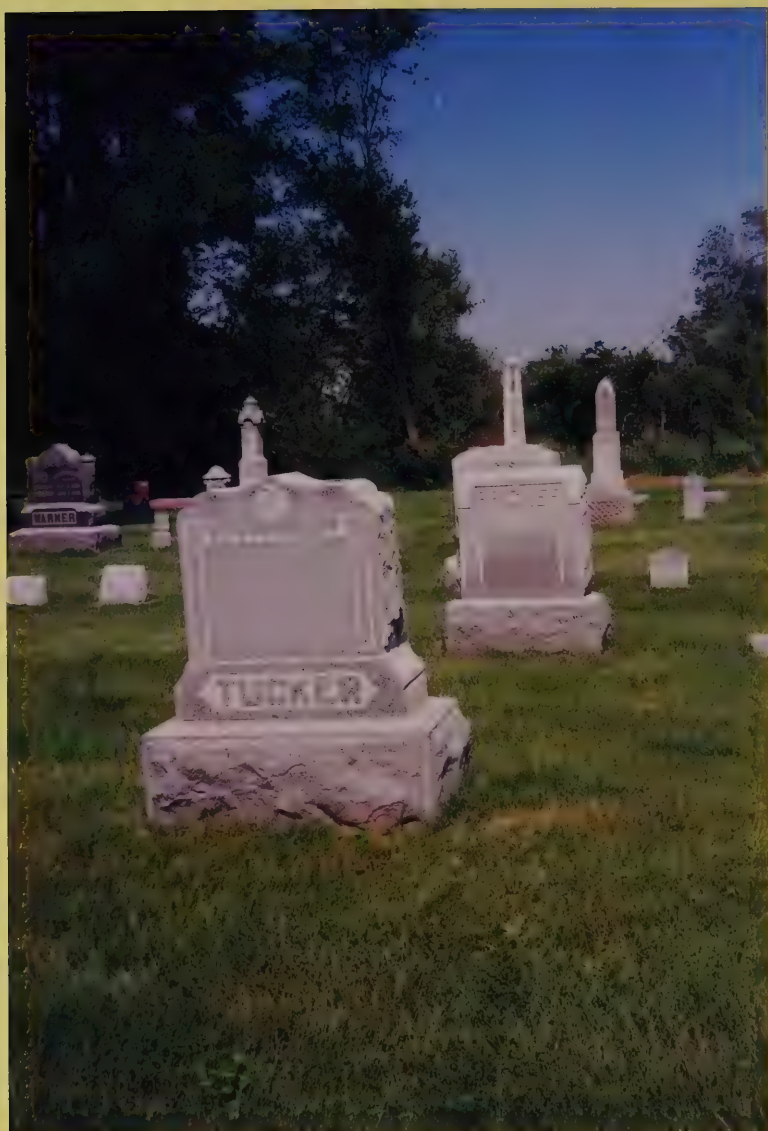
Rev. Andrew Hollopeter

&

Catherine Edmonds



SARAH Hand, wife of Wm. Erickson
 d. 9-27-1865
 Age 80

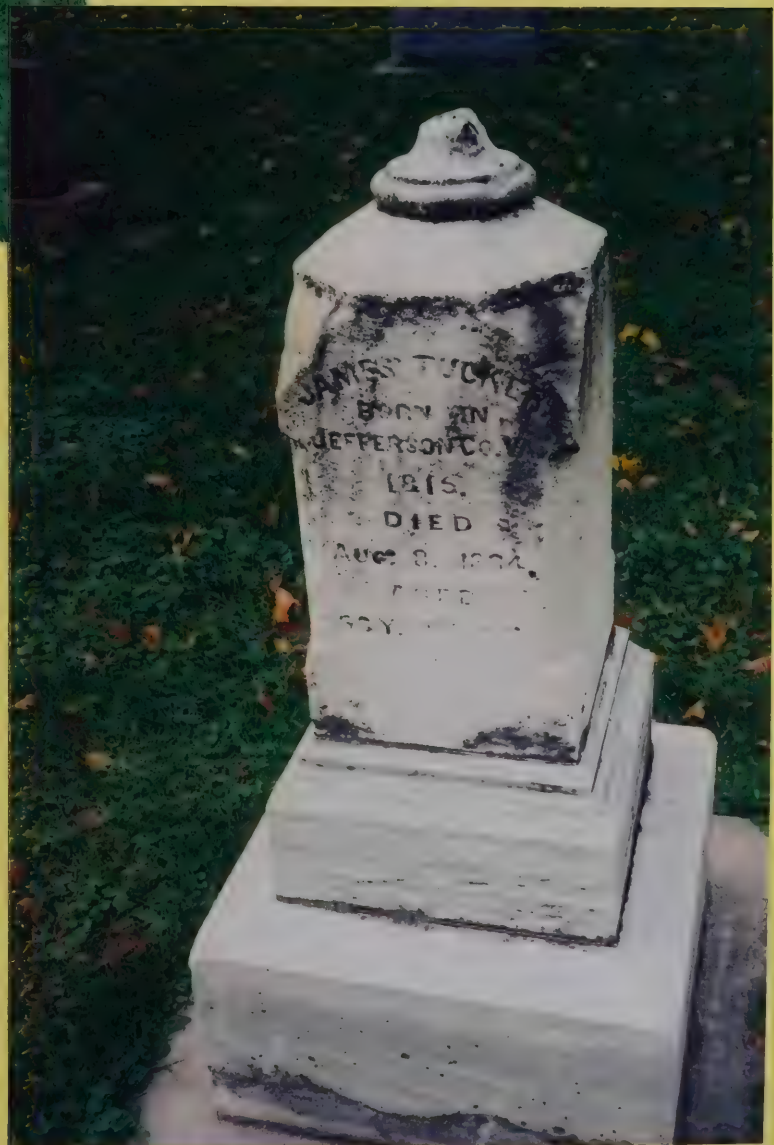


John Stoner
 2-11-1828 to 2-8-1878
 Emily, his wife
 1-16-1835 to 4-11-1924
 Ophelia B - dau.
 7-24-1854 to 9-26-1858



Rebecca's brother

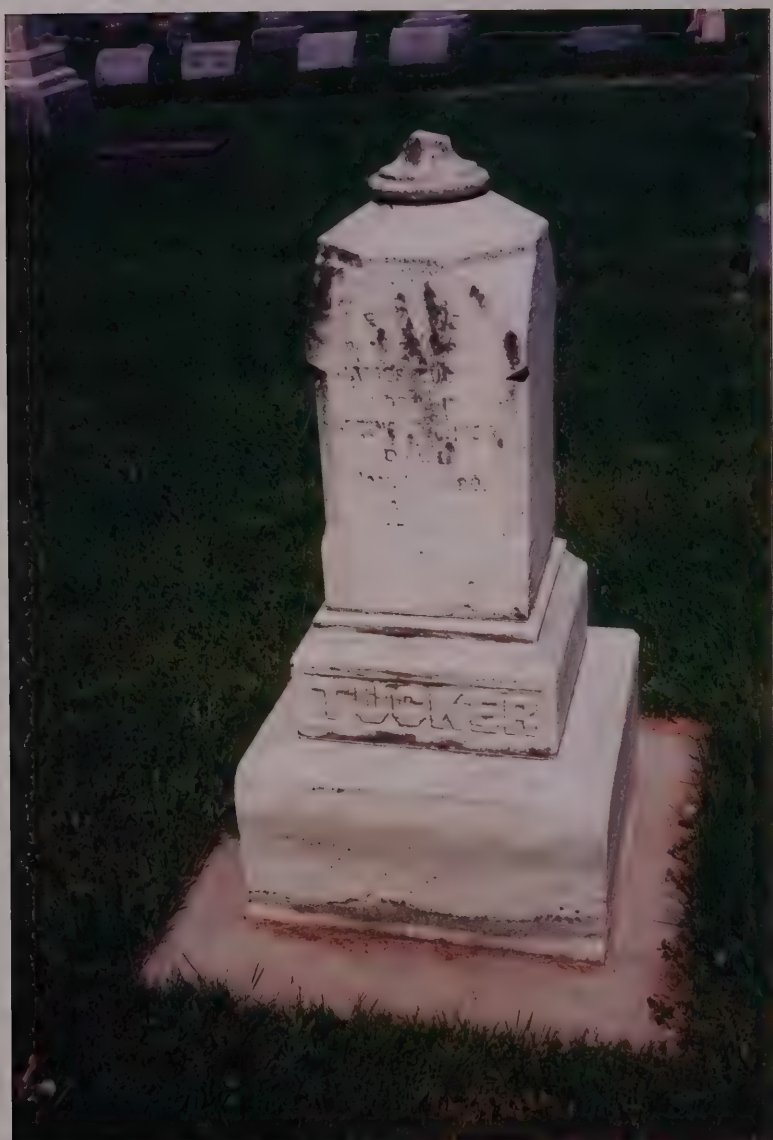
James Tucker
 born in Jefferson Co., VA 1815
 died Aug 8, 1884
 Age 65 yr, 9 m, 10 d





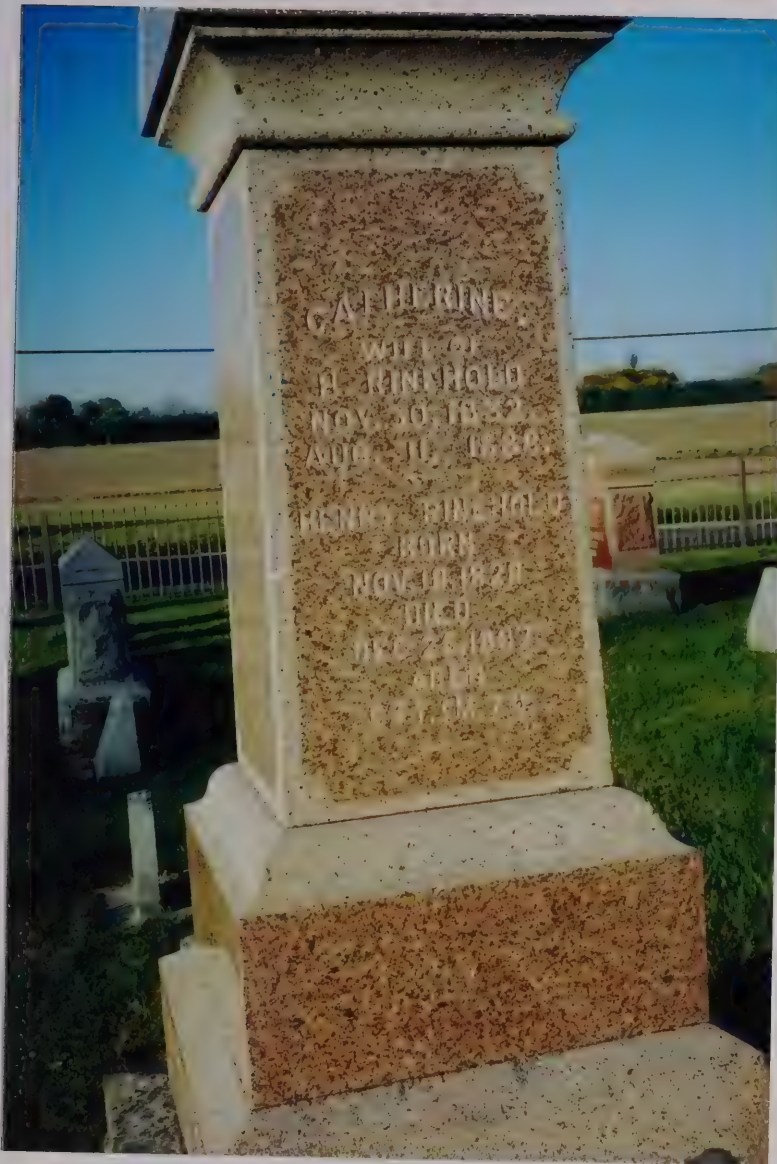
Thomas & Mary Tucker





James And Emeline

Perry Township Cemetery near Huntertown



Catherine
wife of H. Rinehold
11-10-1832 to 8-11-1888

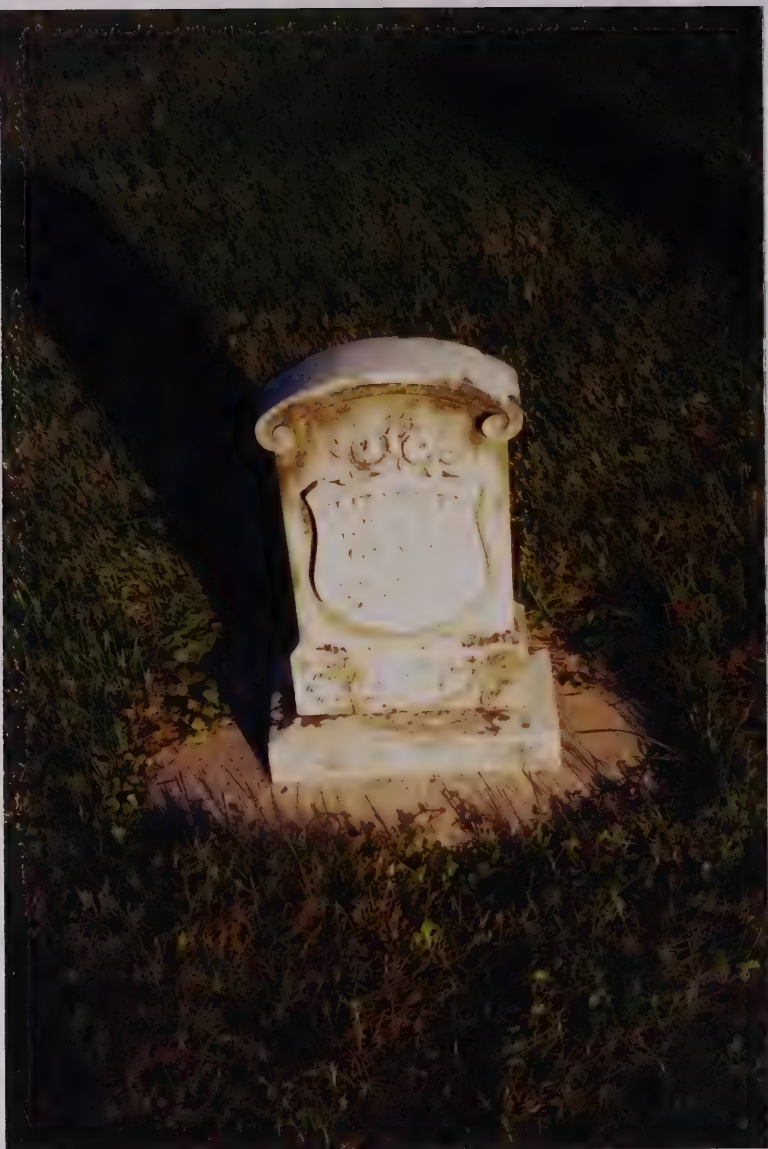
Henry Rinehold
b. 11-18-1838
d. 12-26-1897
Age 69 y, 1 mo., 7 d



JACOB RUMP
B. 5. 11. 1824
D. 3. 13. 1898

SARAH RUMP
B. 7. 5. 1826
D. 2. 13. 1908

RUMP



Elizabeth Gump
 dau. of Jacob + SARAH
 d. Sept. 29, 1873
 15 yr 14 days



ICY B. Gump
 1879-1968
 George C. Gump
 1868-1953

Lot 136 A



John G. Kell
 died July 4, 1861
 72 yr 1 m 13 d
 born about 1789



Poss. Wife of John 1791-1876

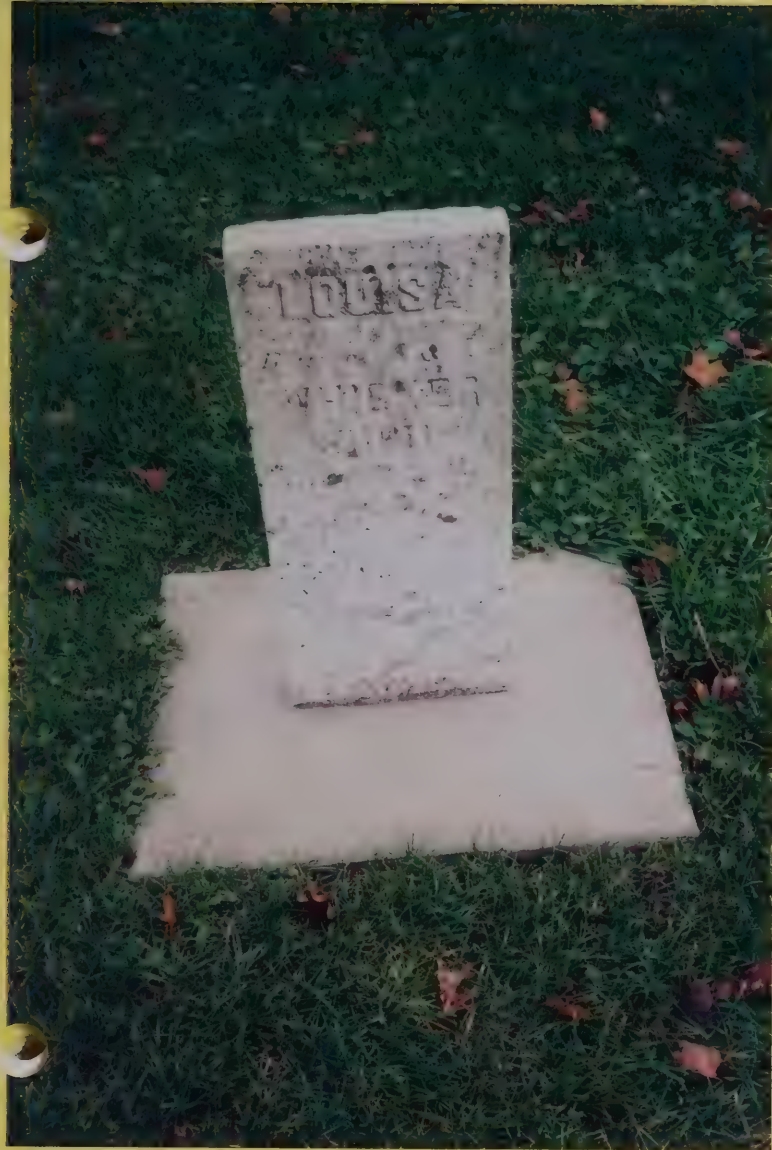


Lot 213 A

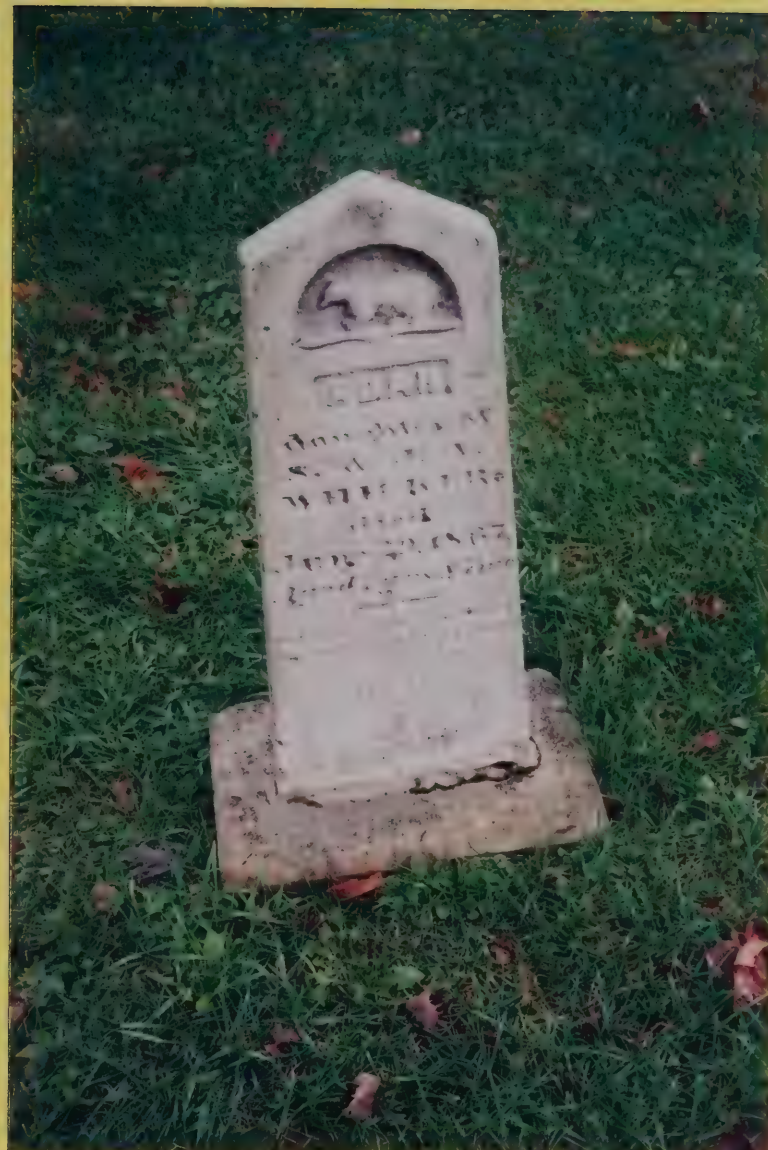
Son of John



Lot 213 A



Louisa Whicker
d. Aug. 16, 1854 4yrs 4mo 22d.

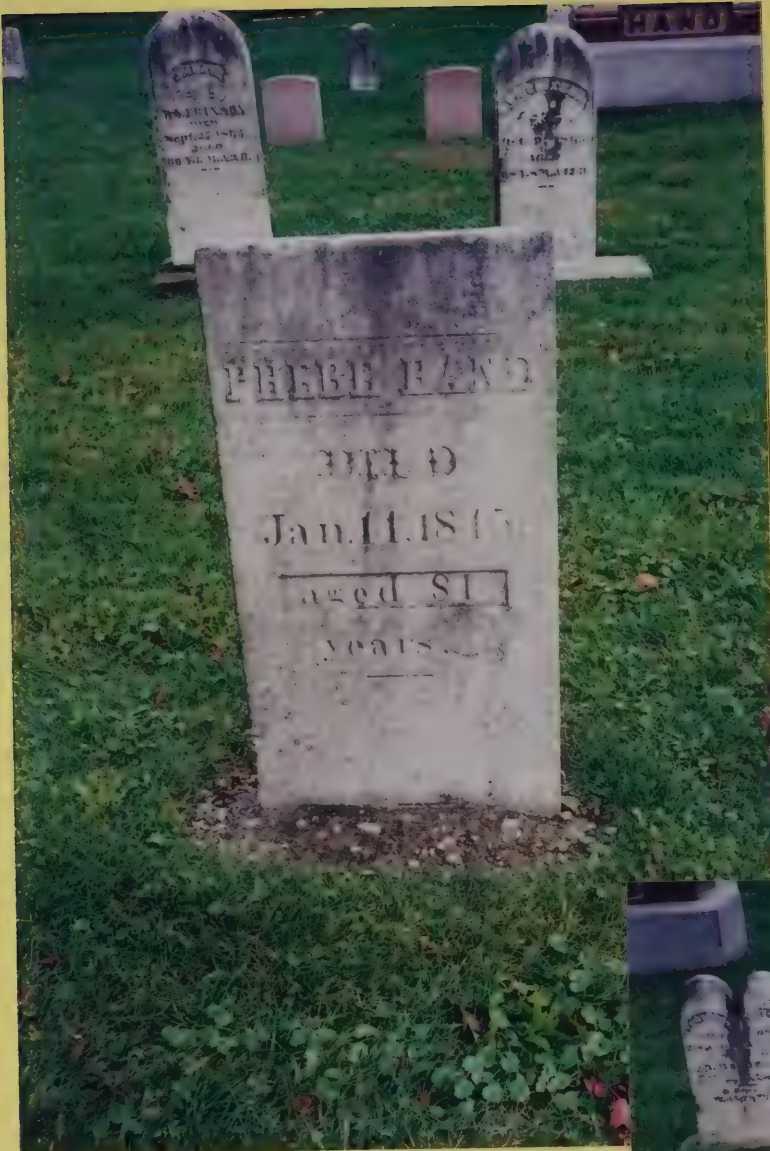


Adah Whicker
d. June 29, 1867 7yrs 7mo.



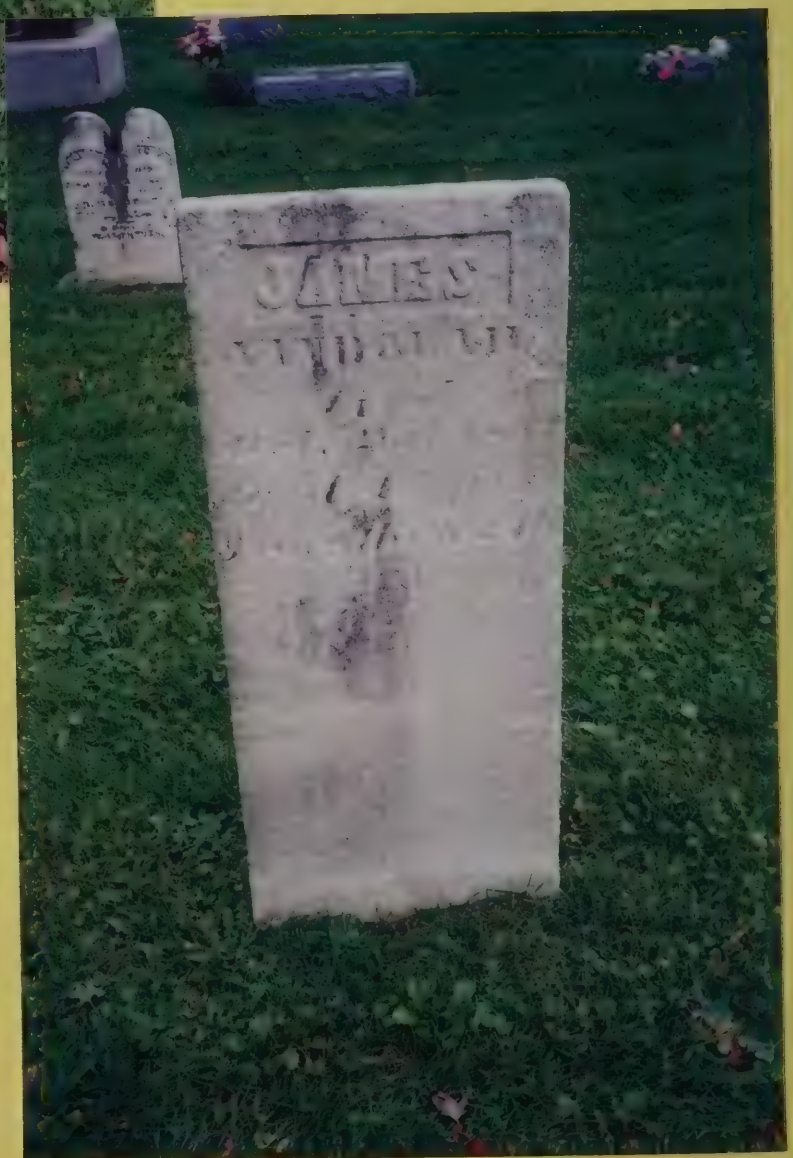
daughters of Stephen & Julia Ann

Perry Twp. Cem.



SARAH HAND
 William Erickson
 Phebe's dau.

Phebe Hand
 Died Jan 11, 1845
 Aged 81 years



James Vandolah
 her grandson
 d. Oct 24, 1851
 44 yrs 9 mo 2 d

James; son of
 Mary "Polly"



Cynthia J. KARR

(I thought it was
Hand)

wife of J. A. Dunton

b. MARCH 16, 1829
Seneca Co., N.Y.

d. MARCH 11, 1857



Gladys

b. JAN. 09, 1898

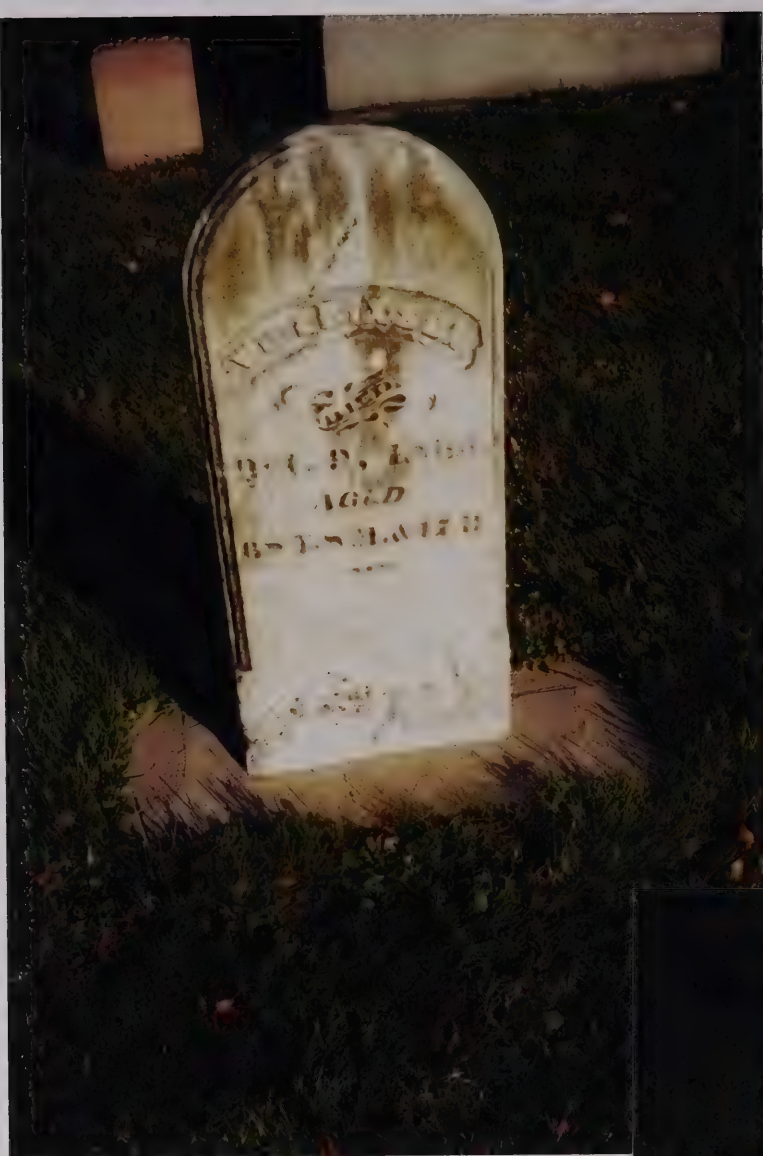
d. 1988

Curtis

b. Dec. 28, 1895

d. 1875

Gladys is the dau. of Wm. E. Hand &
Arminda Essex



Parents of Serepta Erixson
who married Wm. Thrush

William Erixson
died Oct. 9, 1865
68 yr 8m 17d

Sarah, wife of
Wm. Erixson
died Sept. 27, 1865
Aged 66 yr 6 mo 2d

Sarah Hand was the
daughter of Wm. Hand
and Phebe Jennings

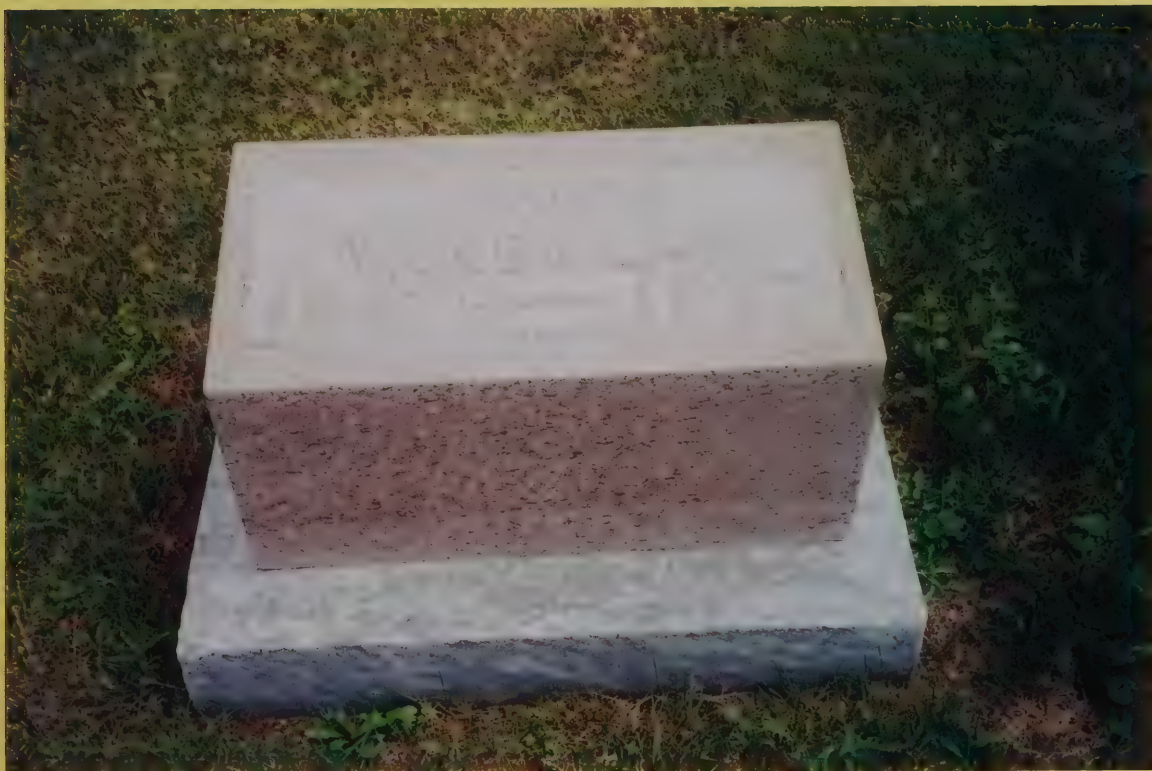
Sister of Polly who
married Joseph Vandolah
so was James's Aunt.



BORN Nov. 25, 1799 by Hand gen.



Vandolah Group

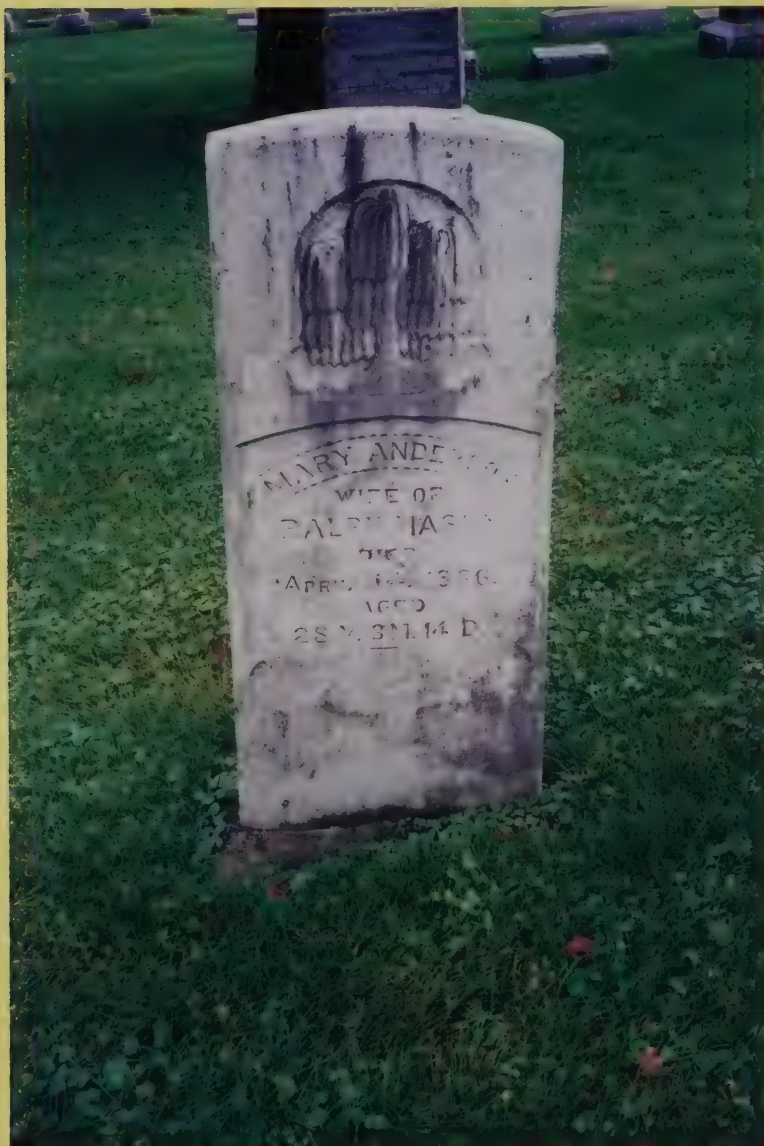


James Vandolah, Jr. 1847-1927



SARAH Ann Vandolah Anderson

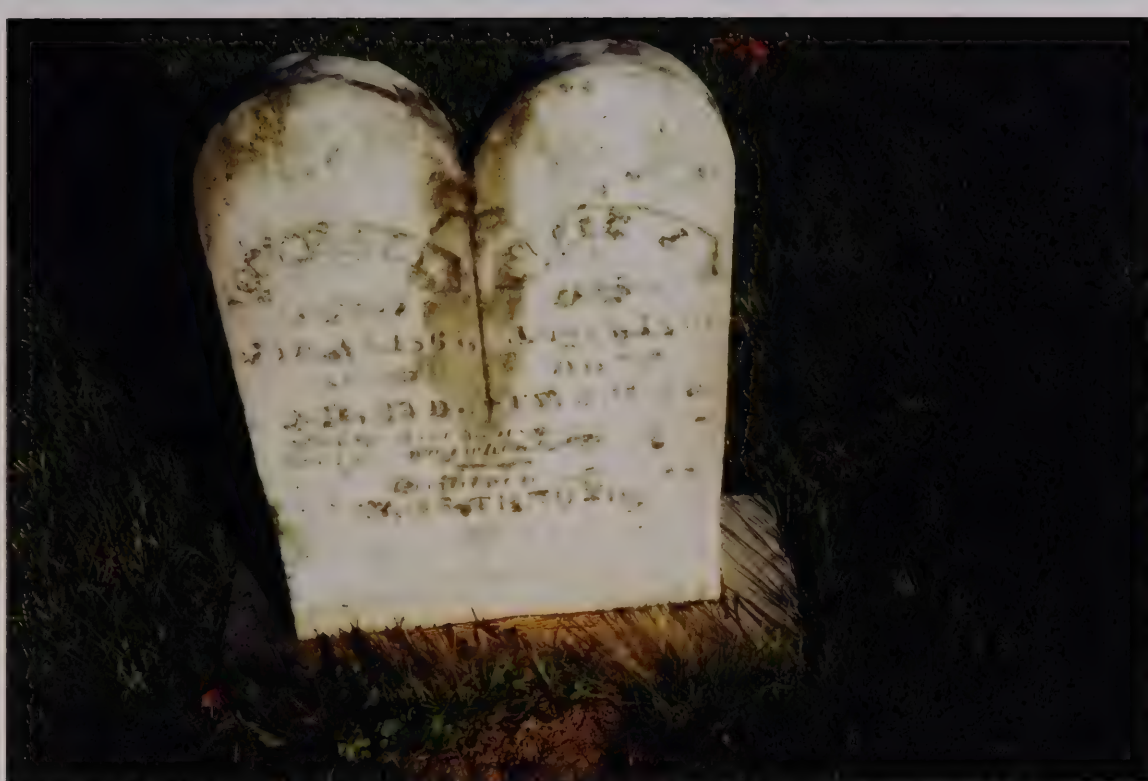
d. April 16, 1888
76yr 7mo 15d.
wife of William



MARY Anderson
wife of RALPH MASON
d. April 14, 1866
28 yrs 3mo 14 d.

dau. of SARAH + William

This is
Charles W.
died 1-15-67
Aged 3m 20d
+
Jesse J.
died 8-8-70
1yr 9m 3d



Looks like dates of 1867
and Aug. 1870?
need to revisit cemetery
to confirm - Charles & Jesse



Anna Thrush

d Feb. 14, 1865

John H. Thrush

d Oct. 5, 1865

Children of Wm. & Serepta
Thrush

"Dates taken from
inscription list"

I read this differently

— — — — —

Sarah Vandolah
Anderson

wife of Wm Anderson

died April 16, 1888

76yr 7m 15 d.

Sister of James
Vandolah



Martha,
 wife of G.W. Greenwell
 d. Aug. 16, 1877
 17 yr 7 m 29 d

Martha Greenwell
 WAS
 Martha Vandolah
 dau. of Thomas
 And
 Sister of Rebecca
 who then married
 George Greenwell





Andrew Surfus / Surface Family



Andrew J. (prob. Jackson)
1850 - 1927

Son of John Surfus
&
Ellen Dehong

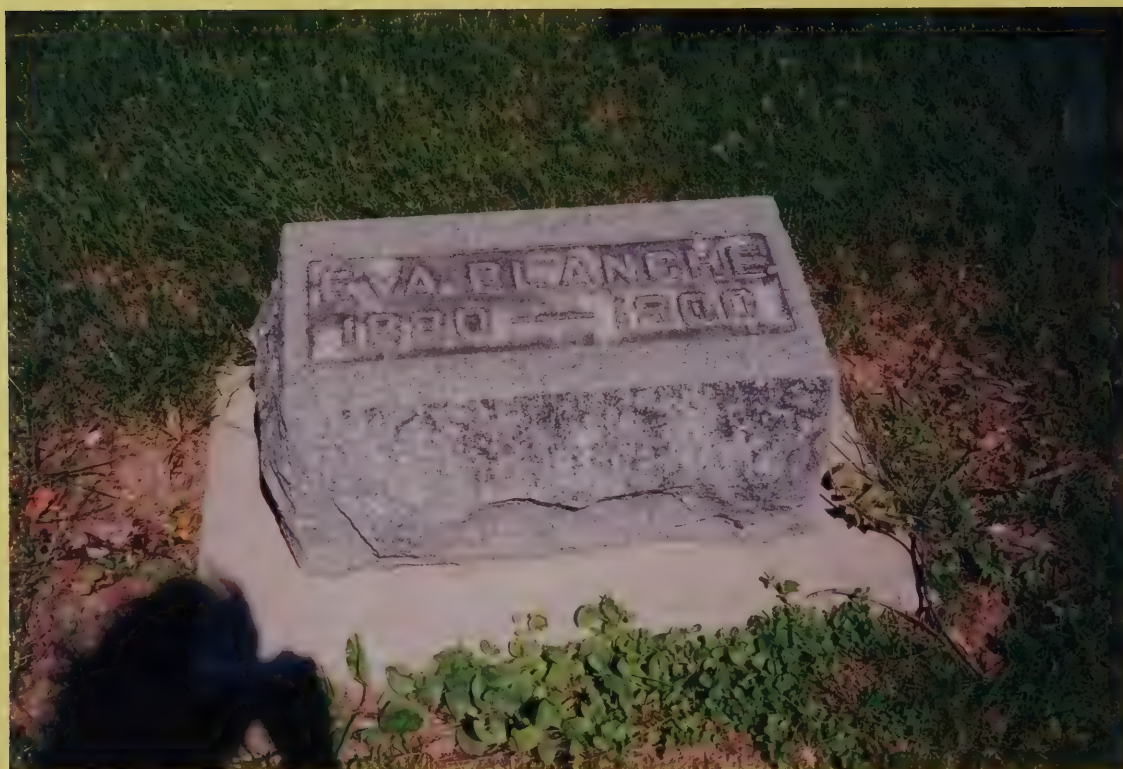
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Surfus



Wife, MARY E. Snyder 1854-1933

Surfus



Daughter, Eva Blanche 1880-1900



Wife, Lydia M. ?

Jerry, son of
Andrew & Mary ?

Son ?



Jesse V. Hand
1888 - 1969

Mary A. Roy
1887 - 1960

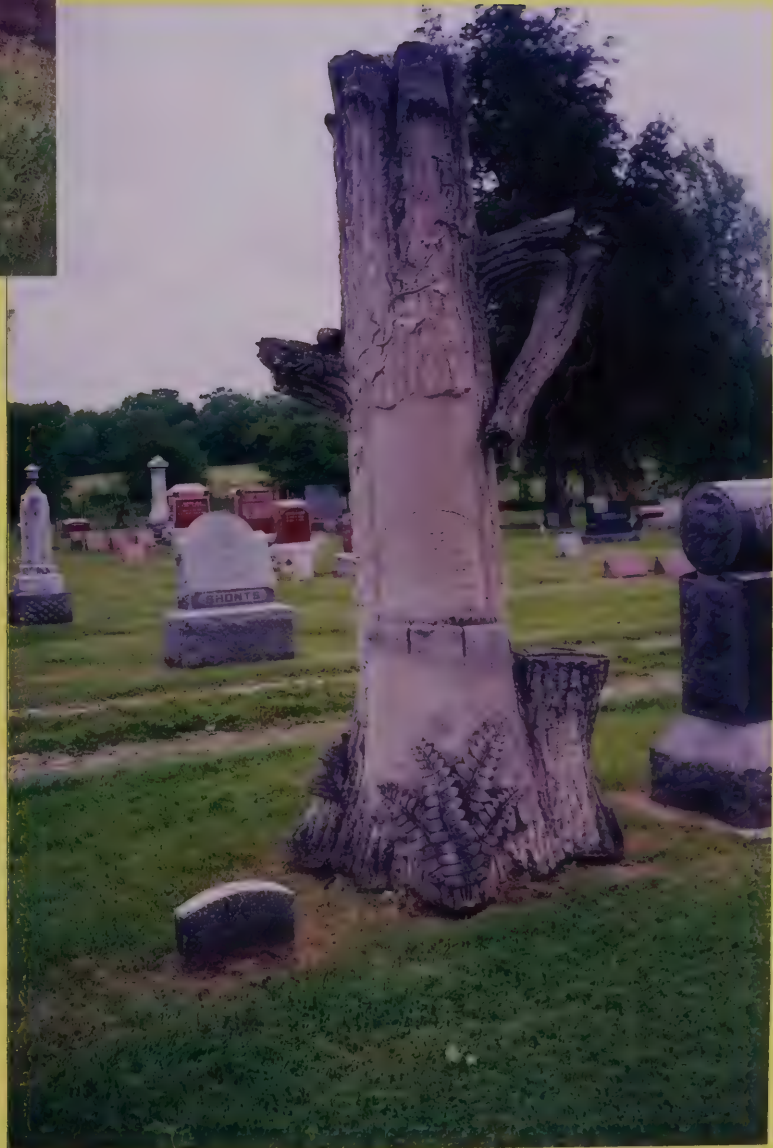
Jesse is the son of William & Arminda



Nathaniel- Beautiful in the fall



Taken 2001





Noel and Bryce Fitch - WARREN'S COUSINS



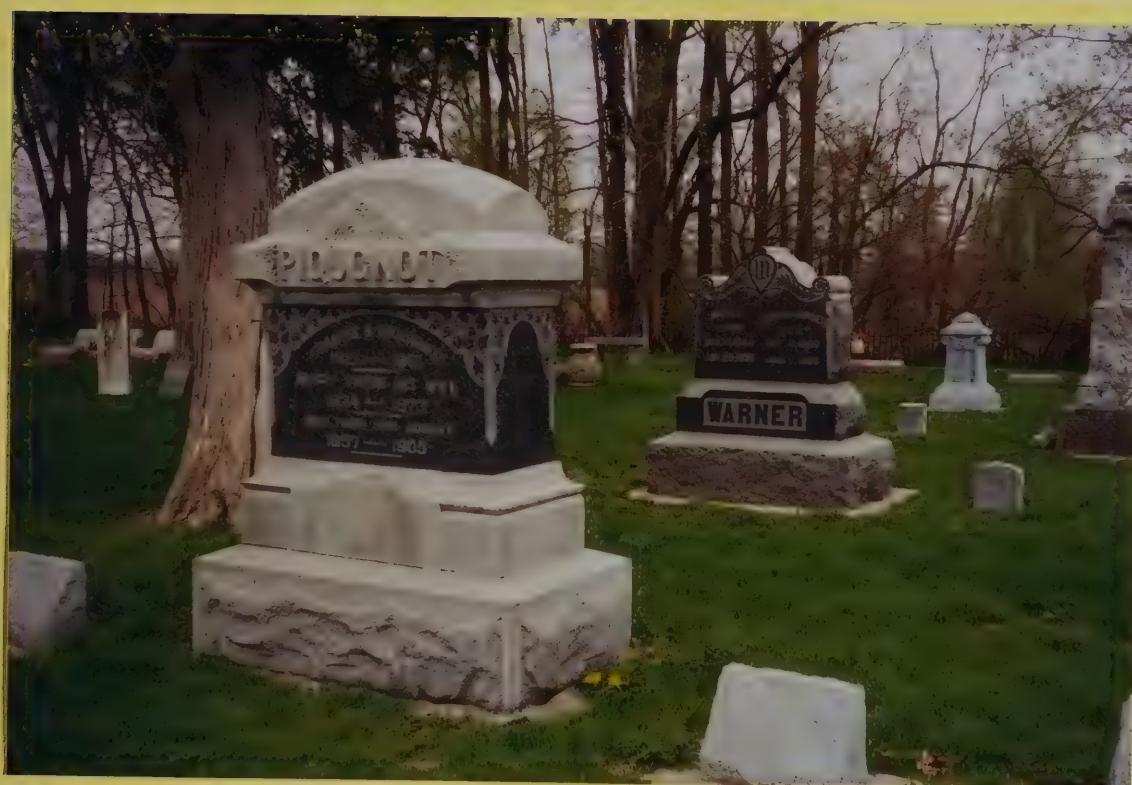
Jake and Elsie
1904-

Son
J. Victor
1933-1934



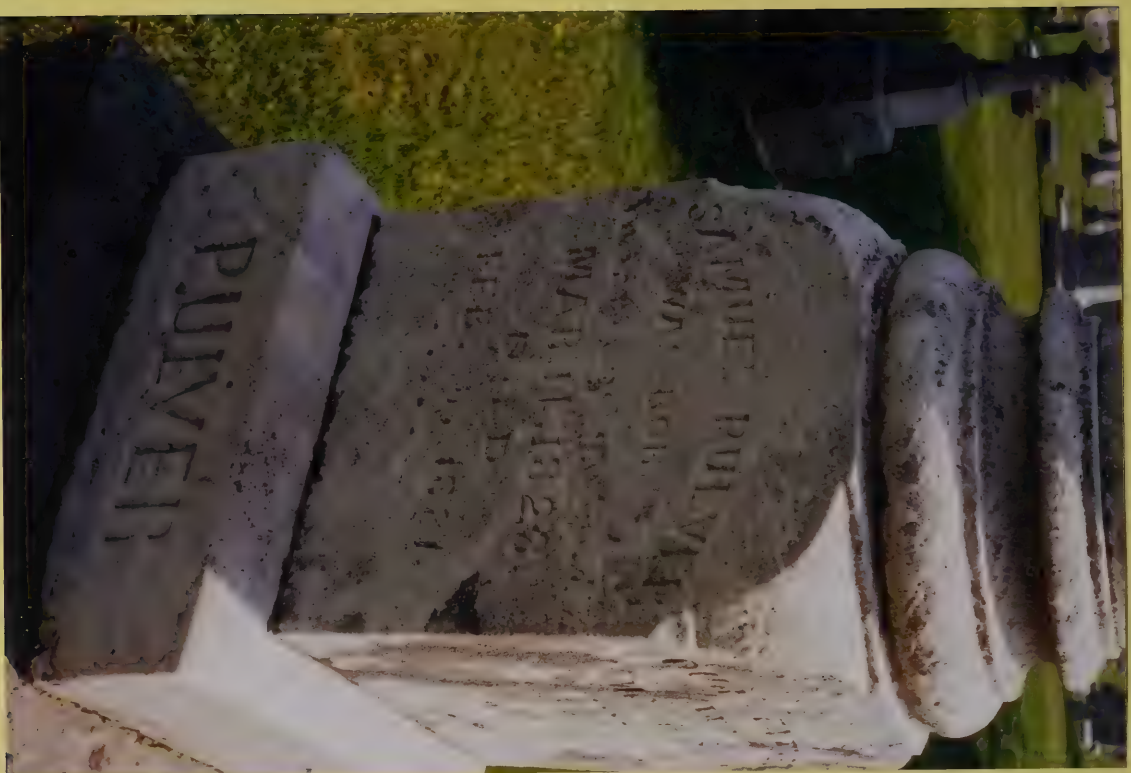
Oliver J. Fitch 1871-1965
 Emma M., wife 1868-1901

Son of Perry Fitch



Stephen Piquot 1821-1901
 Mary Viror, his wife 1834-1873
 August, their son, 1857-1905

Joseph Warner, Jr.
 1826-1896
 Mary A., his wife
 1844-1930

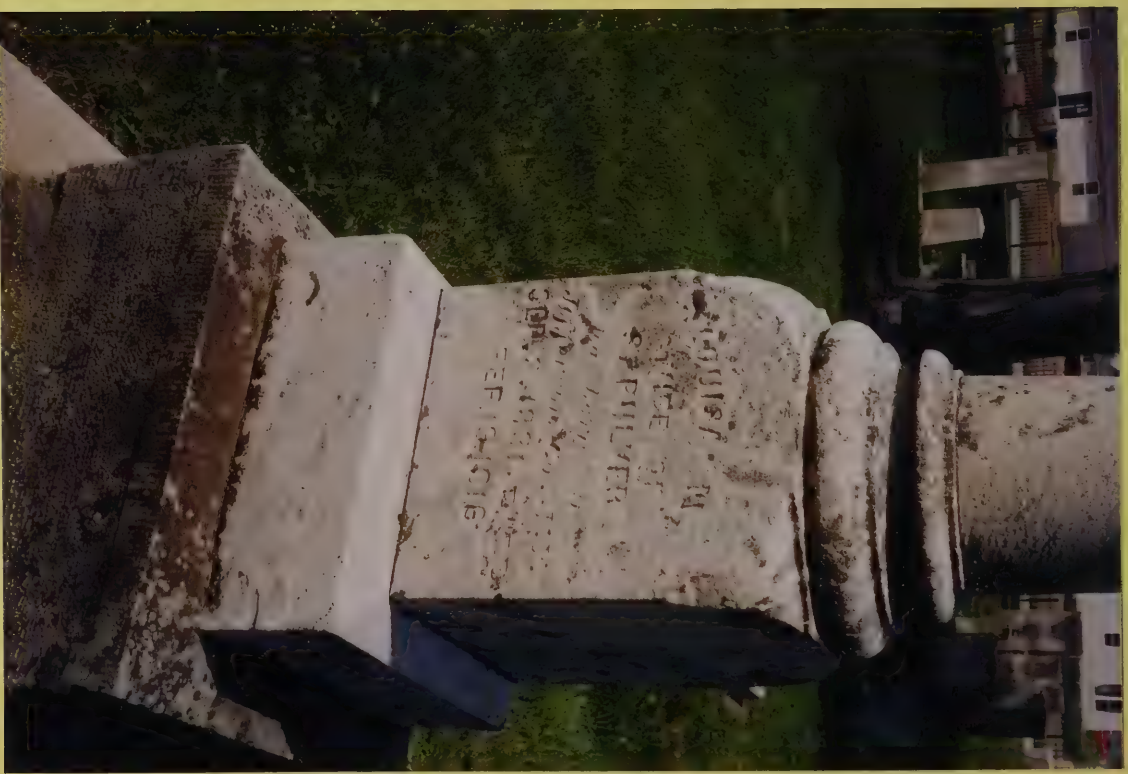


Samuel Pulver

b. March 14, 1838

d. Feb. 6, 1881

b. Livingston Co. NY



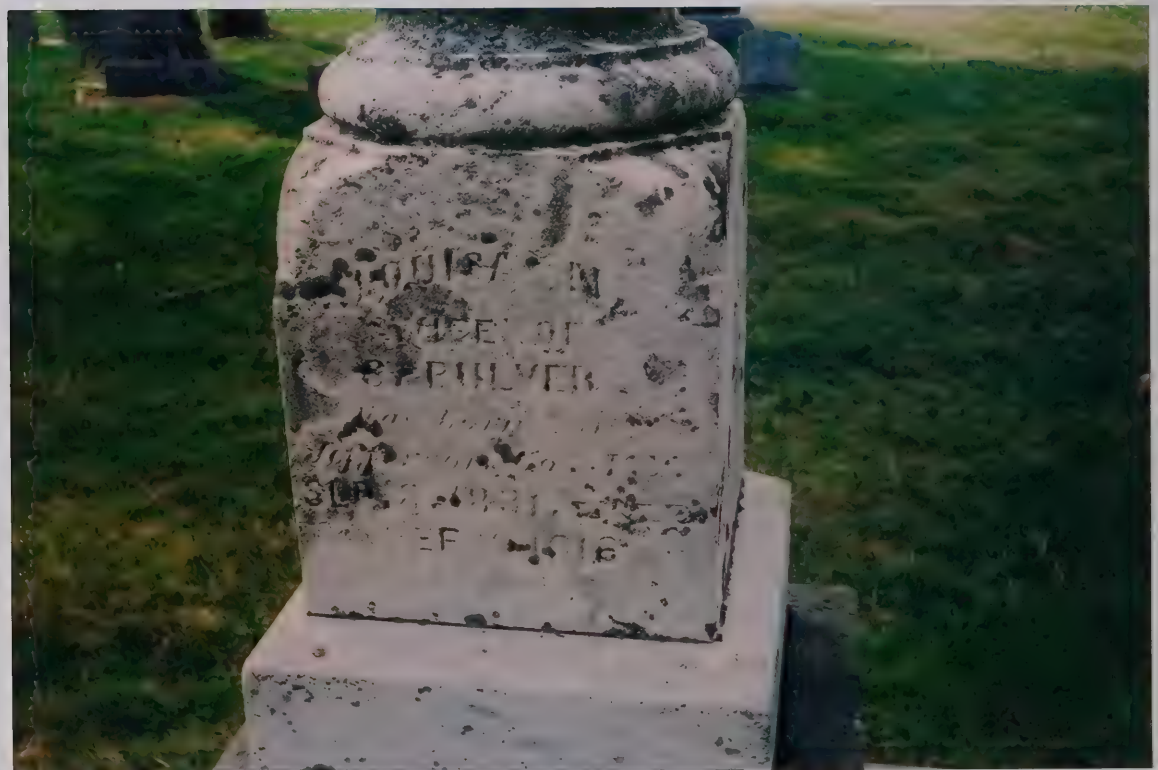
Louisa M. wife of Samuel

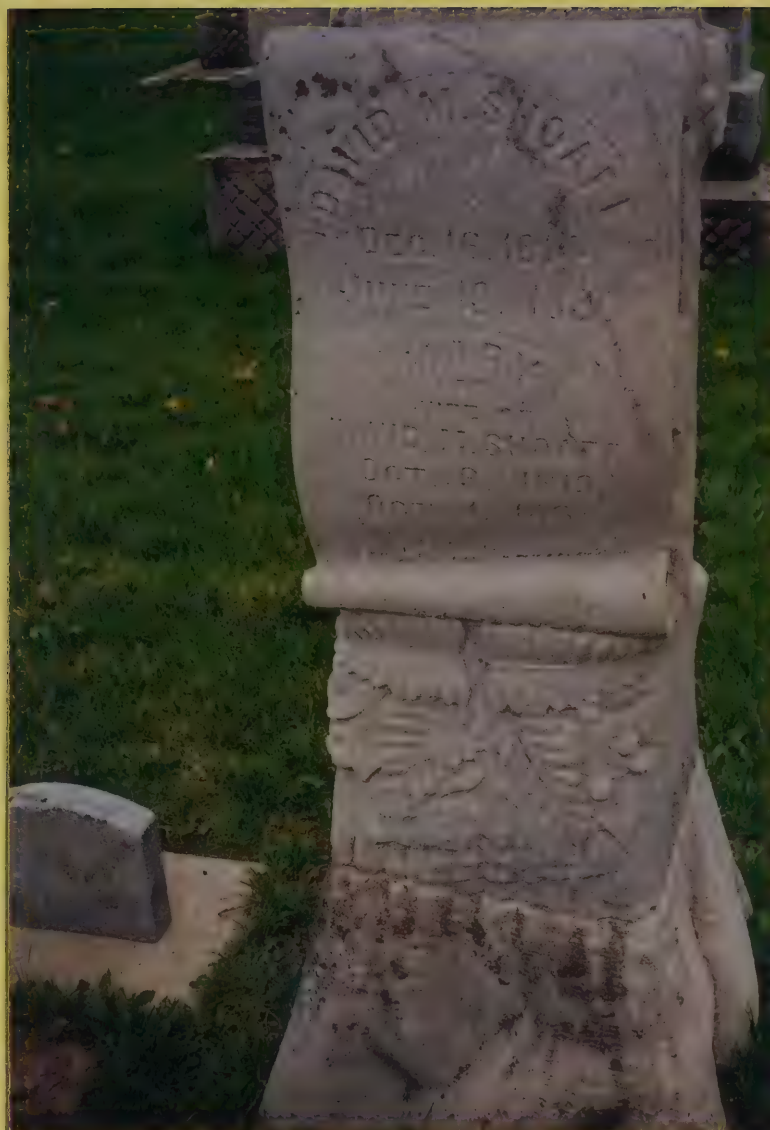
b. Sept. 3 or 8, 1831

d. Feb. 19, 1916

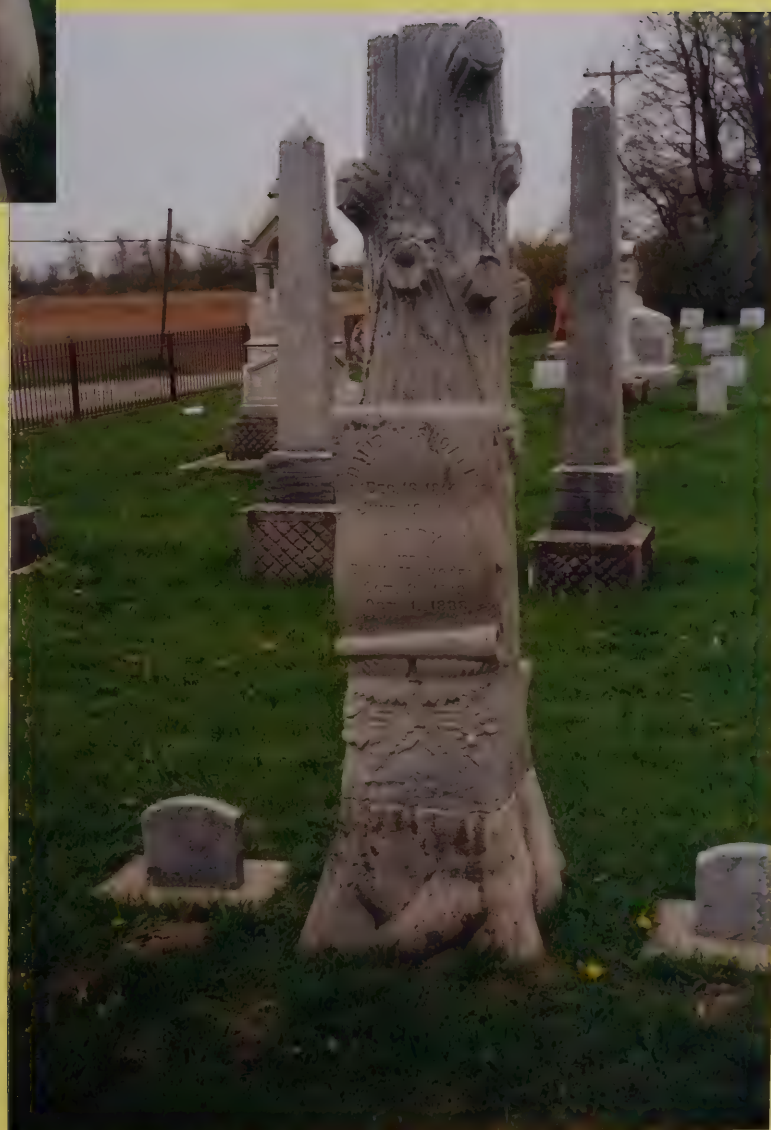
b. Jefferson Co., NY





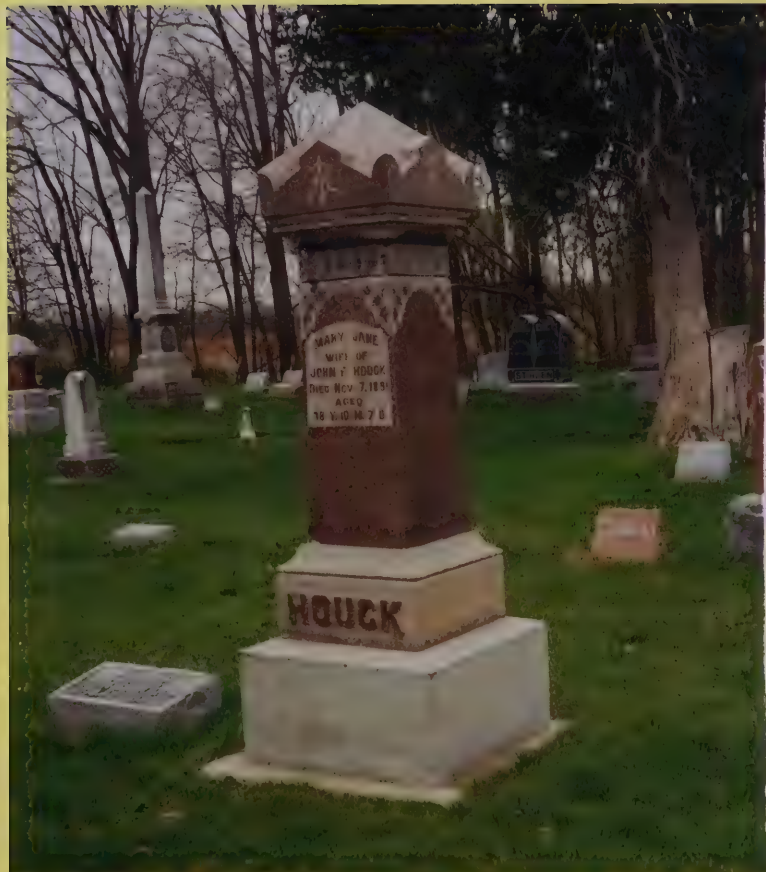


David M. Shoaff
 Dec. 16, 1814 - June 18, 1890
 Mary, his wife
 Oct. 9, 1819 - Oct. 1, 1888





Russell Reed 1800-1883
Marilla Holbrook, his wife
1802-1892

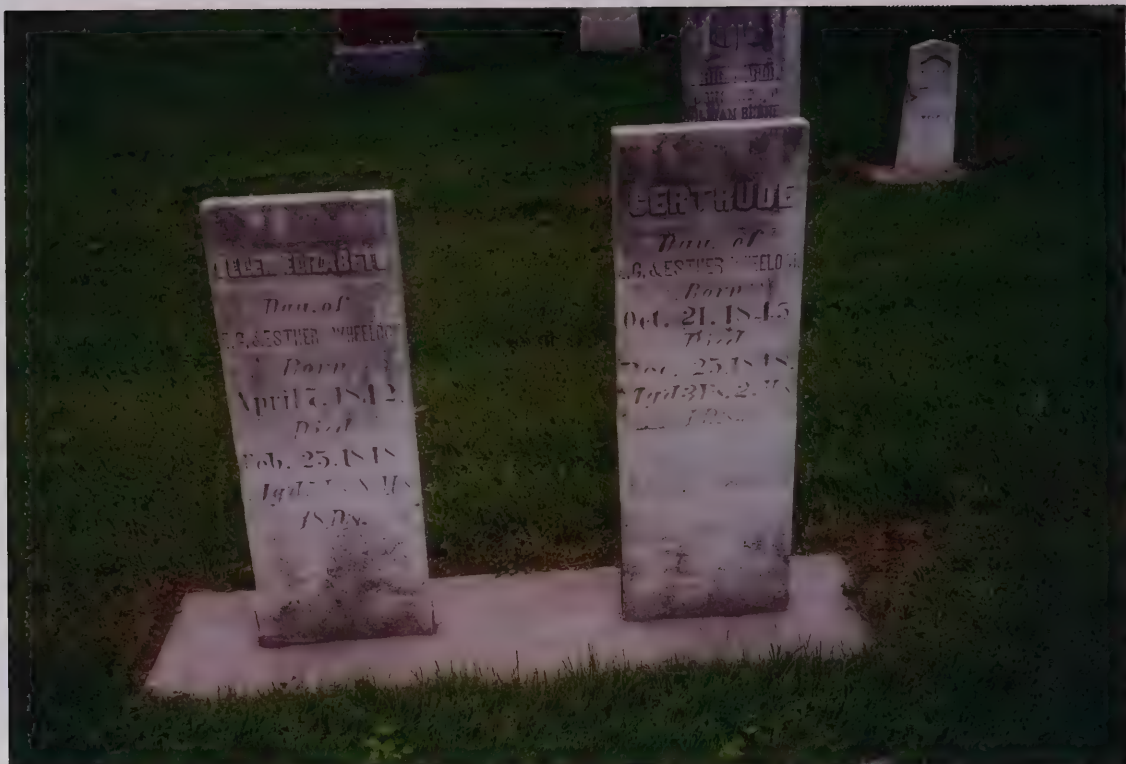


MARY JANE, wife of
John E. Houck
d. Nov. 7, 1891
Aged 38 yr 10 m 7 d

John E. Houck
1844-1921

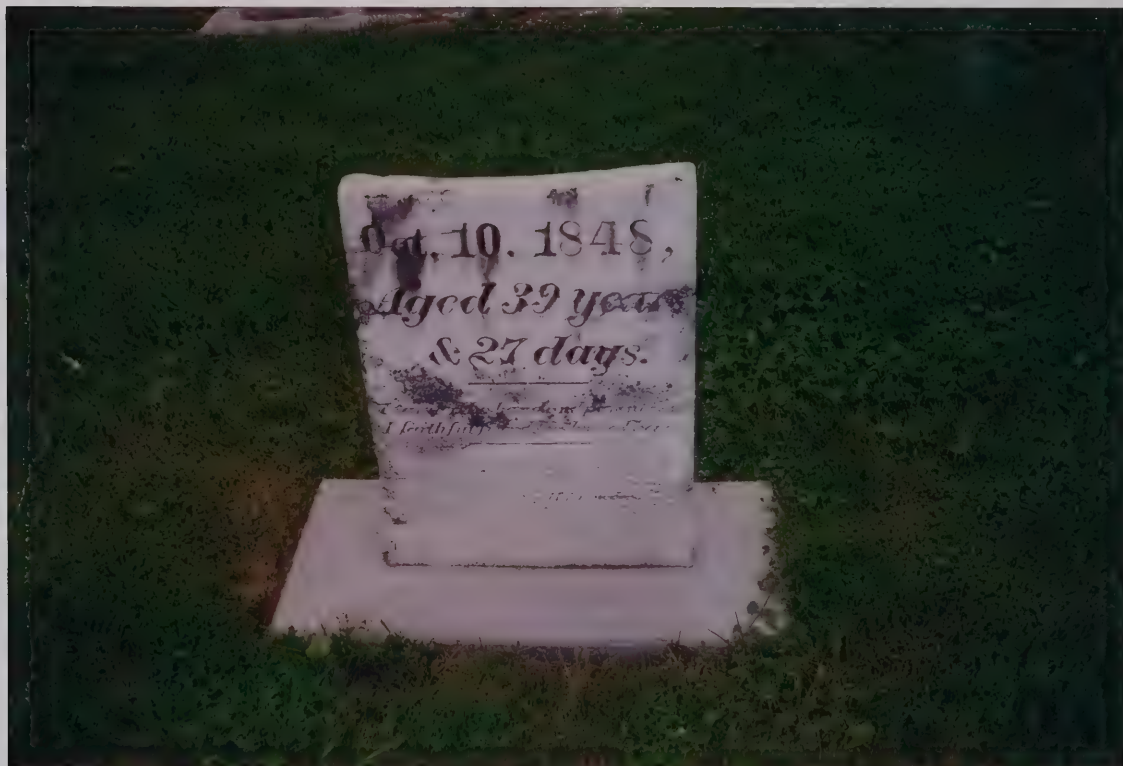
don't know what family he belongs to

WHEELLOCK



Ellen Elizabeth
b. April 7, 1842
d. Feb. 25, 1848
daughters of E.G. & Esther

Gertrude
b. Oct. 21, 1845
d. Dec. 25, 1848 3yr 2mo 4d
daughter of E.G. & Esther



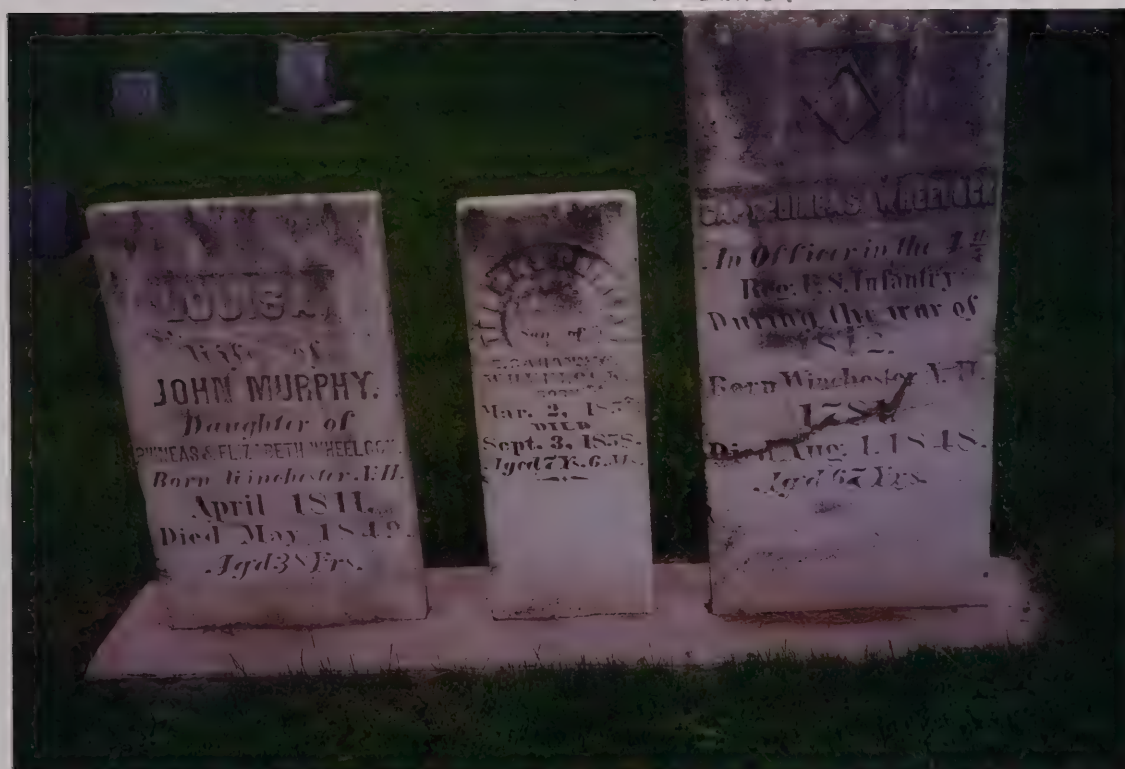
Prob Catherine Wheelock DeLong dau. Phineas & Eliz. Wheelock
" At Plattsburg, Clinton Co., N.Y.
Died Oct. 10, 1848 Aged 39 yrs & 27 days
b. about 1809



Ellen Gertrude
b. Dec. 14, 1848
d. Sept. 5, 1849
daw. of E.G. & Esther

Thomas Hatch
b. Jan. 23, 1847
d. Oct. 12, 1849
2 yr. 8 m 19d.
Son of E.G. & Esther

Esther Hatch
wife of Elbridge Wheelock
b. July 27, 1823 Erie, PA
d. Jan. 12, 1850 26y, 5m, 15d
daw. Jason & Joanna Hatch



Louisa, wife of John
Murphy
b. 1811 Winchester, N.H.
d. May 4, 1849
daw. Phineas & Eliza.

Thomas Phineas
b. Mar 2, 1851
d. Sept. 3, 1858
7yr 6m
Son of E.G. & Hannah

Capt. Phineas Wheelock
An officer in the 4th Regt
"S" Infantry - War 1812
1781 - Aug. 1, 1848
b. Winchester, N.H.

PHINEAS WHEELOCK , born 1791,	died	August 1, 1848
Daughter, Catherine born 1809 m. to a DeLong	died	October 10, 1848
Daughter, Louisa born 1811 wife of John Murphy	died	May 4, 1849
Son, Elbridge G.		
Wife, Esther Hatch	died	Jan. 12, 1850
Dau, Ellen Elizabeth 1842	died	Feb. 25, 1848
Dau. Gertrude, 1845	died	Dec. 25, 1848
Son, Thomas Hatch, 1847	died	Oct. 12, 1849
Dau. Ellen Gertrude, 1848	died	Sept. 5, 1849

Sad story for this family. My guess is that Esther Hatch died of a broken heart from losing 4 children in 2 years!

February 25, 1848 they lost a daughter
 August 1, 1848 Elbridge lost his father
 October 10, 1848 they lost sister Catherine
 December 25, 1848 they lost a daughter
 May 4, 1849, the other sister died
 September 5, 1849, they lost another daughter
 October 12, 1849 they lost a son
 January 12, 1850 Esther had enough and gave up the fight
 E. G. remarried Hannah
 had a son in 1851 and he died in 1858

4 deaths in 1848
 3 deaths in 1849
 1 death in 1850
 1 death in 1858

Wonder if it was cholera???

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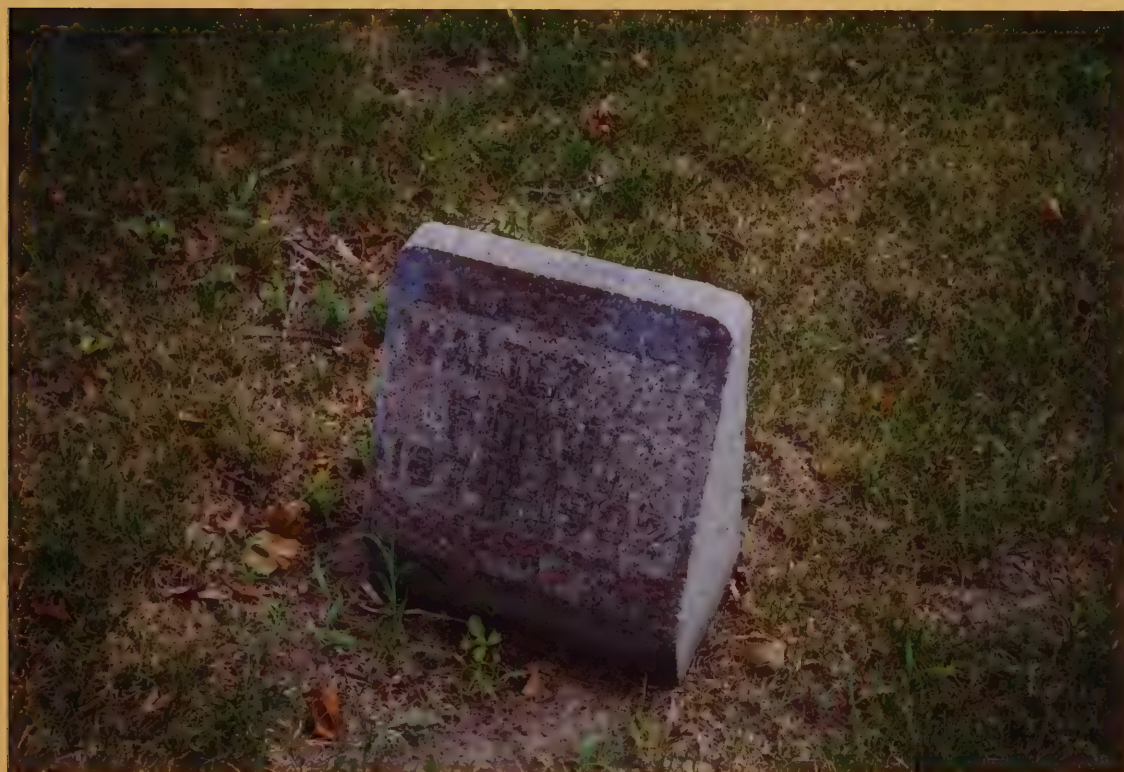
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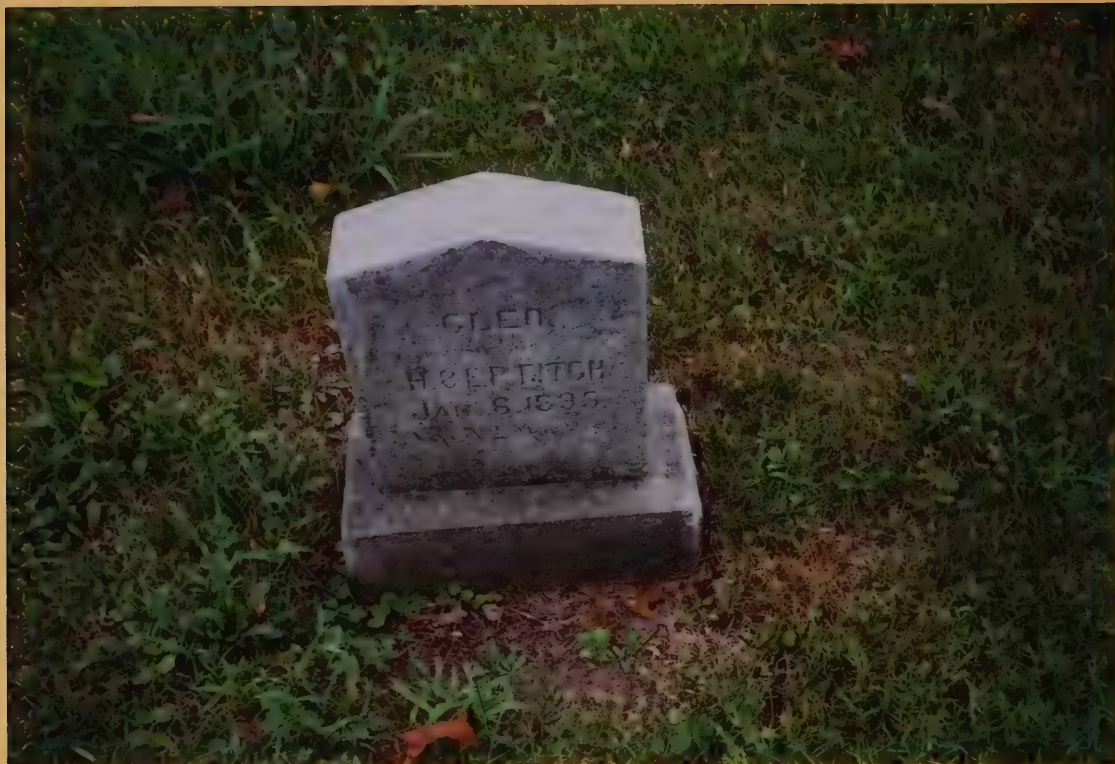


Walter Van Twiller Fitch

son of Mathias

BORN 1874 Died 1902

Perry Twp. Cemetery



Glen, dau. of HARVEY and Etta PARKER Fitch
Perry Twp. Cemetery

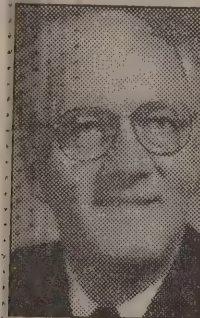


Esther and Otis
1900-1999 1904-1976

Cedar Chapel Cemetery



JOHN E. FITCH, 58, died Tuesday at



Fitch

home. Born in Fort Wayne, he was district fire chief for the Fort Wayne Fire Department. He was a Navy veteran and past business agent for Glaziers Local 1423. Surviving are his wife, Linda S.; two sons, Brenten D. of Birmingham, Mich., and Christopher J. of Fort Wayne; a step-daughter, Tracey M. Miser of Columbus, Ohio; three brothers, William S. of Floral City, Fla., Kenneth of St. Petersburg, Fla., and Dale of Bluffton; three sisters, Betty J. Richards of St. Petersburg, Fla., Patricia L. Holocher of New Haven and Mary L. Click of Angola; and two grandchildren. **Services at 10 a.m. Saturday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home Winchester Road Chapel, 6424 Winchester Road. Calling from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. today. Burial in Huntertown Cemetery. Memorials to Firefighters Museum or to Indiana Organ Procurement Organization.**

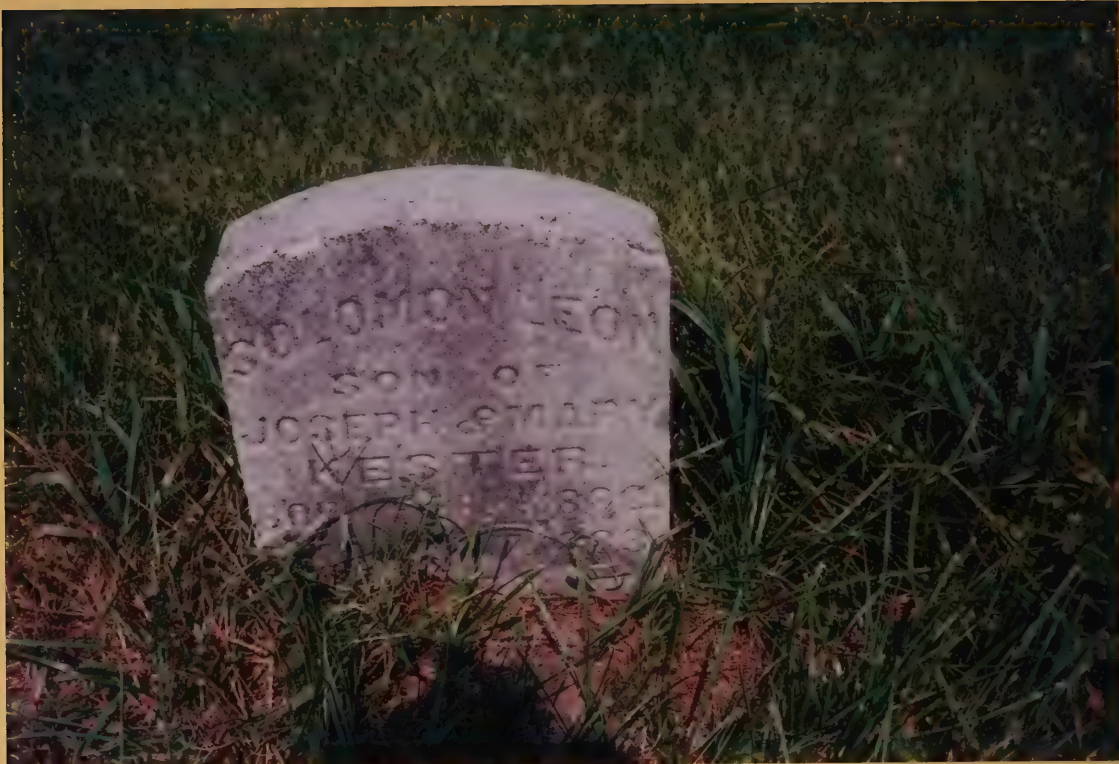


Prob. not from our Shaffer
Family but there is a
Frederick & Elix. across the
Road

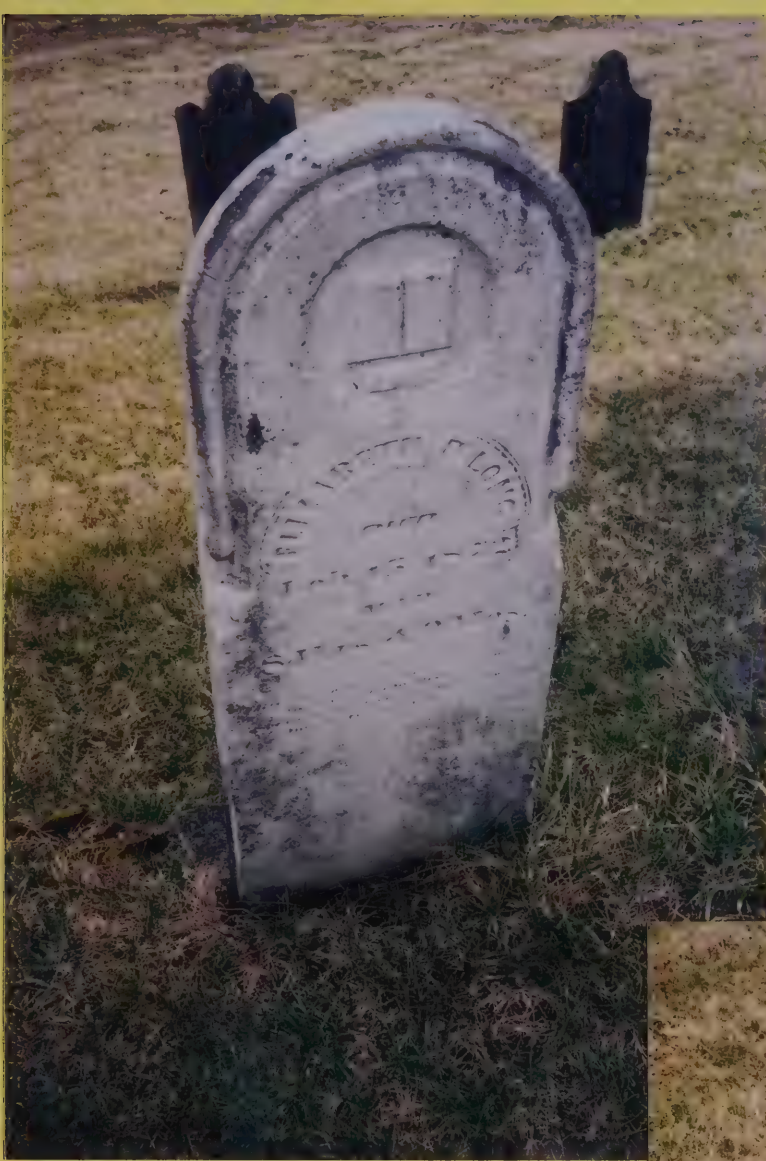


White cemetery

Spencerville, IN



Solomon, son of Mary Shilling Kester - Named for Grandpa



Elizabeth
and
George Dekong
"SARAH's PARENTS"

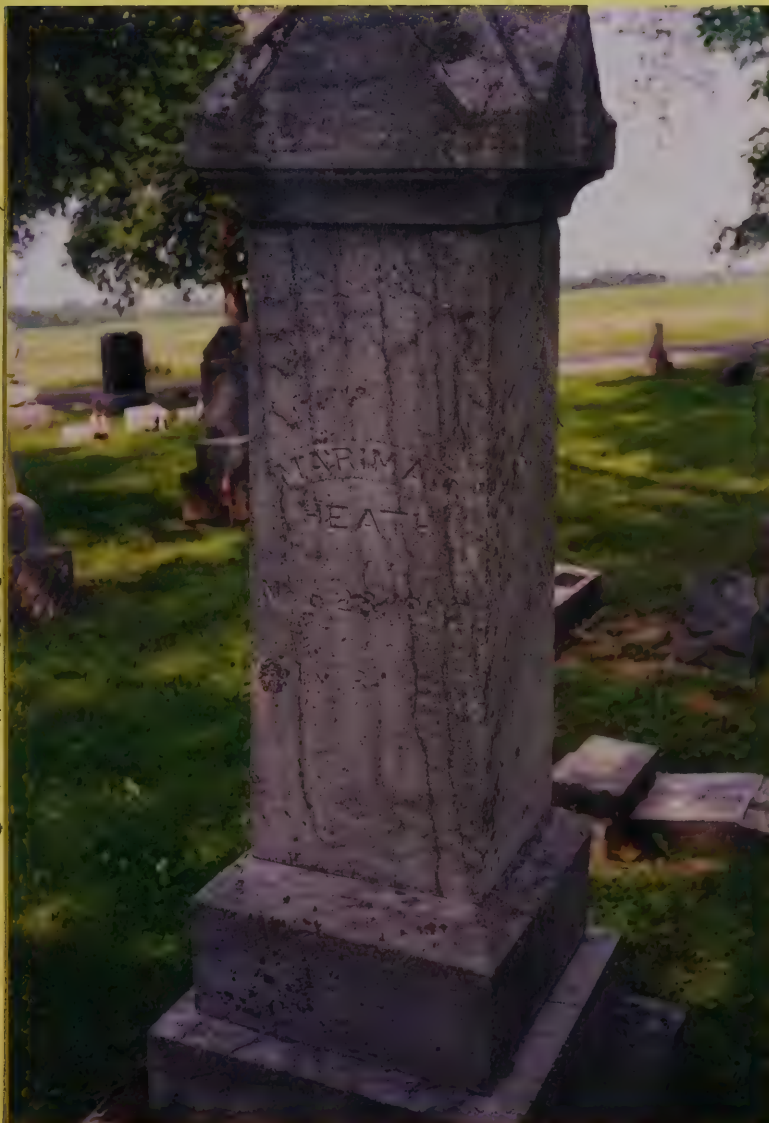


Orah (Plumley) BROWN 1896 - 1998



Orah BROWN
my
step-Grandma
but the only
Grandma BROWN
I ever knew.
Dad's Real mother
died while he was
a toddler.

The Heaths were from Van Wert Co., Ohio



Mariman Heath
d. Nov. 23, 1900
Aged 64 yr. 3 mo. 7 da

Matilda Heath
d. Aug. 15, 1903
Aged 68 yr. 25 days

Meriman (MARION) was a
brother to Sarah Jane (Heath)
Pancake who married
John H. BROWN and was the
mother of my grandfather
"Newt" BROWN

"Uncle" MARION

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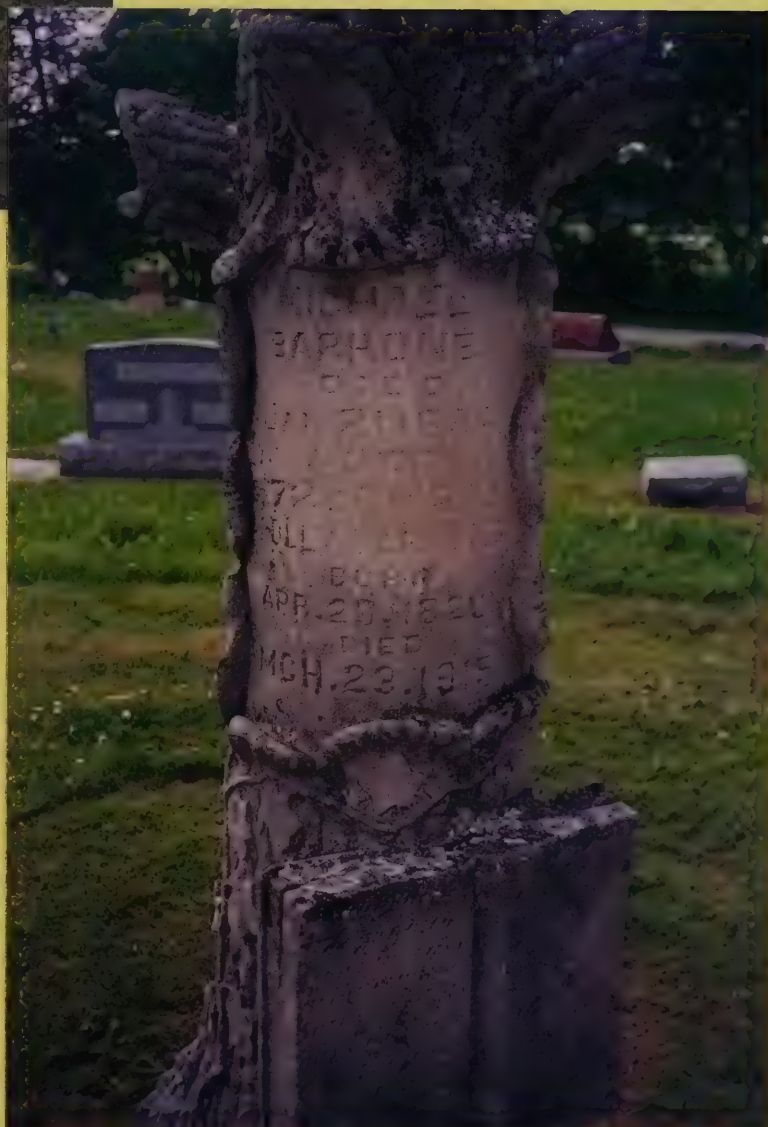
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Michael BARRONE
 d. JAN 21, 1894
 Age 72 yr 6 mo 27d.
 +
 wife

Polly (BROWN) BARRONE
 b. April 29, 1829
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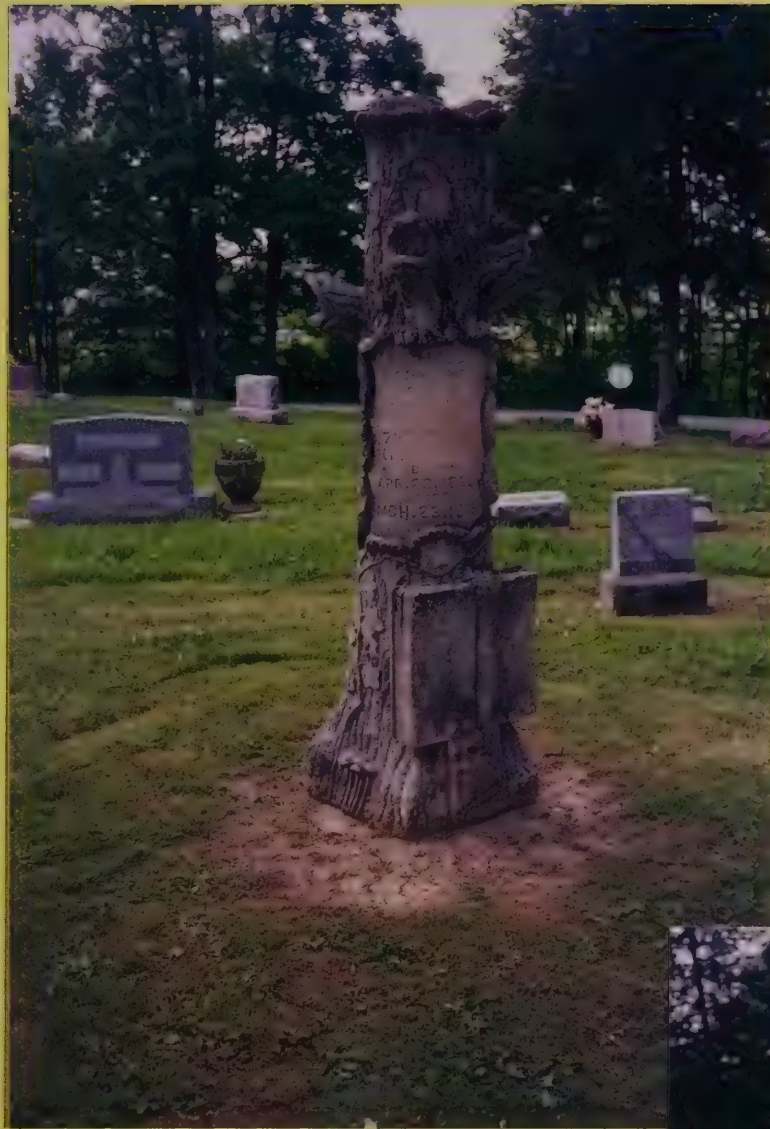
Oldest daughter of
 Henry BROWN, my
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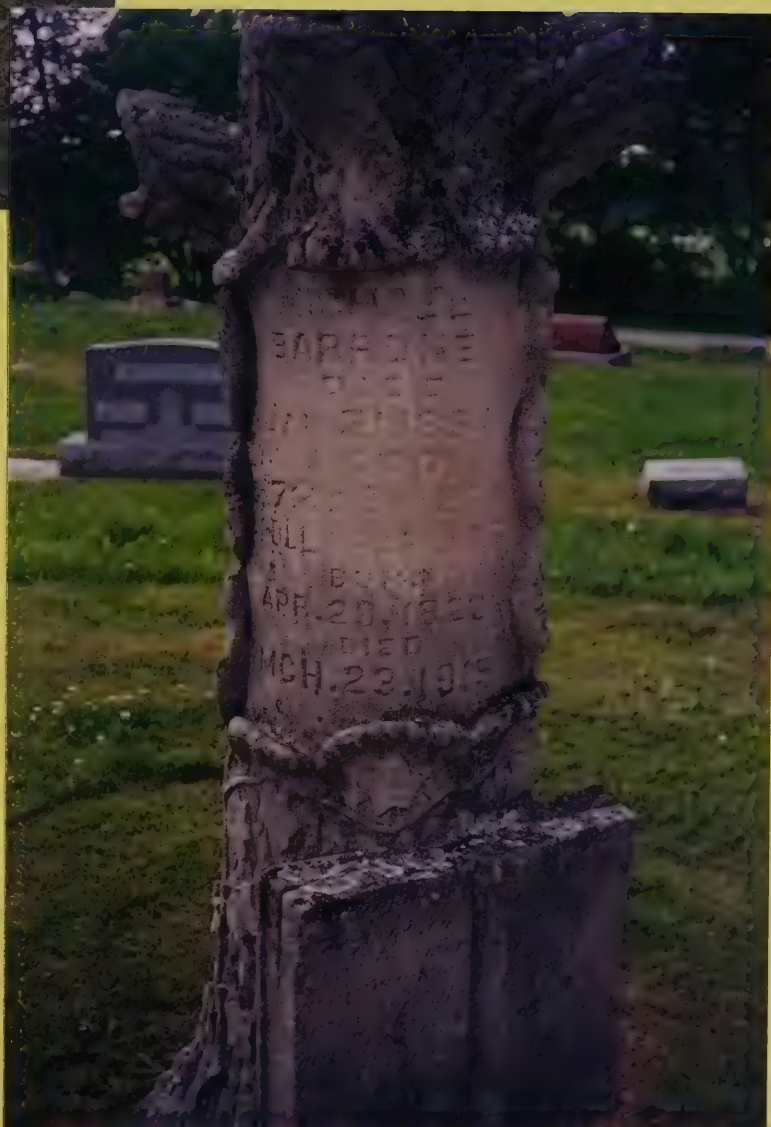


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Nathaniel P. BROWN 1846-1907

SARAH A., his wife 1846-1933

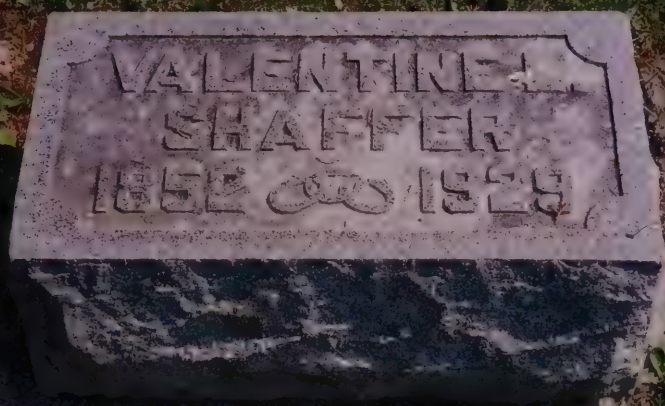
Nathaniel, son of Henry A. BROWN





Lydia
1st wife of
Valentine

1855-1875



My great
grandparents
Lydia and
Valentine



Eliza Jane
2nd wife of
Valentine



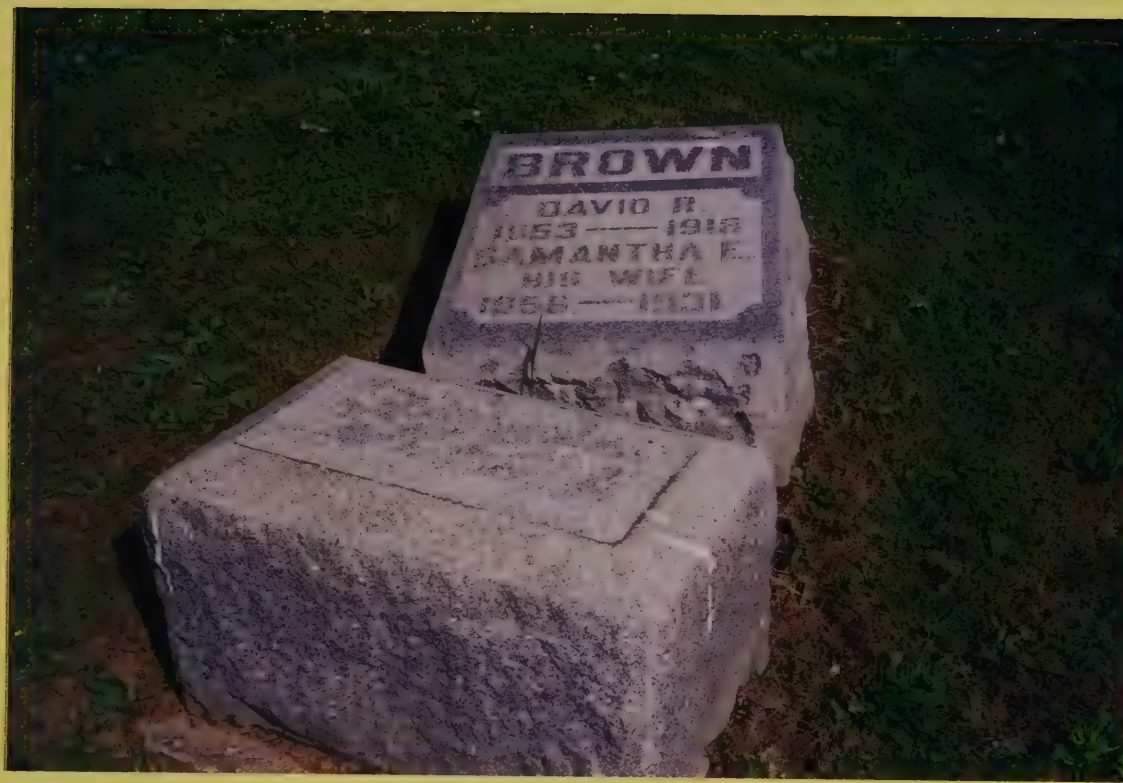
Lewis Sprague and Martha J. (Brown) Sprague
my great aunt



Monroeville, IN



Children of "Newt & Ora"



David R.
BROWN
1853-1918

Samantha E.
his wife
1856-1931

David is a son
of John

not sure where
this family fits

sons of David



Jesse Albert Brown
b. 9-25-1878
d. 2-22-1912



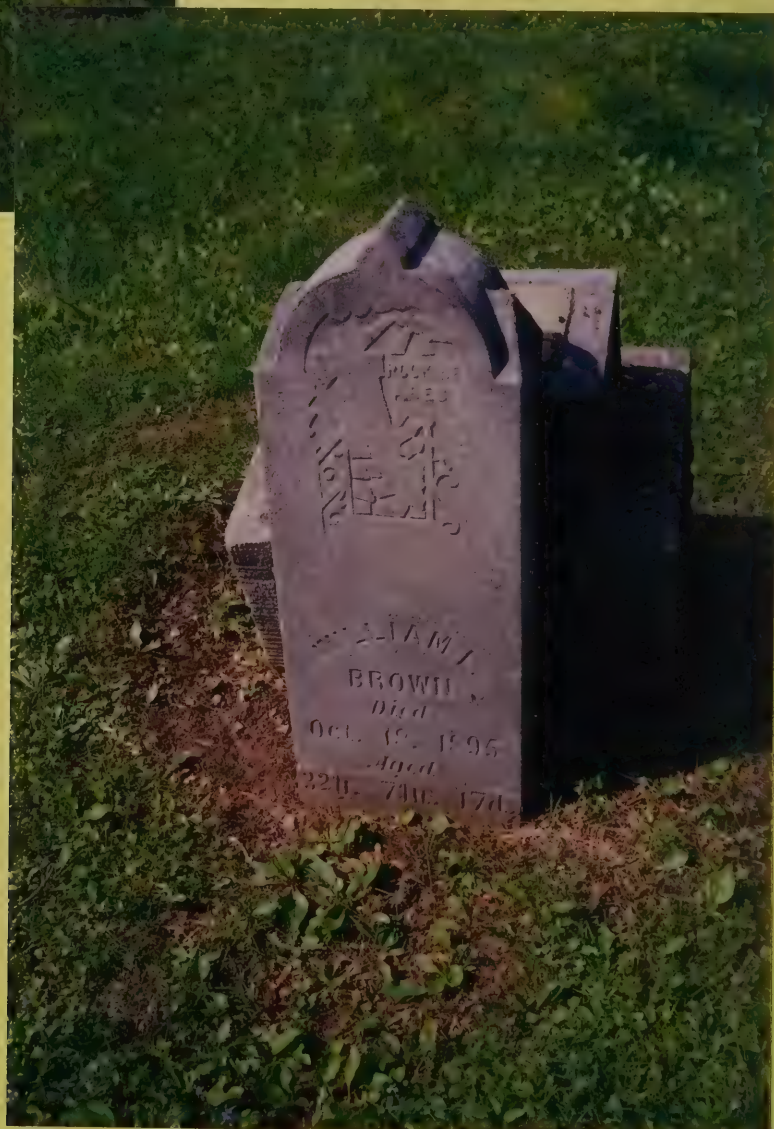
John M. Brown
b. 8-2-1880
d. 2-24-1909



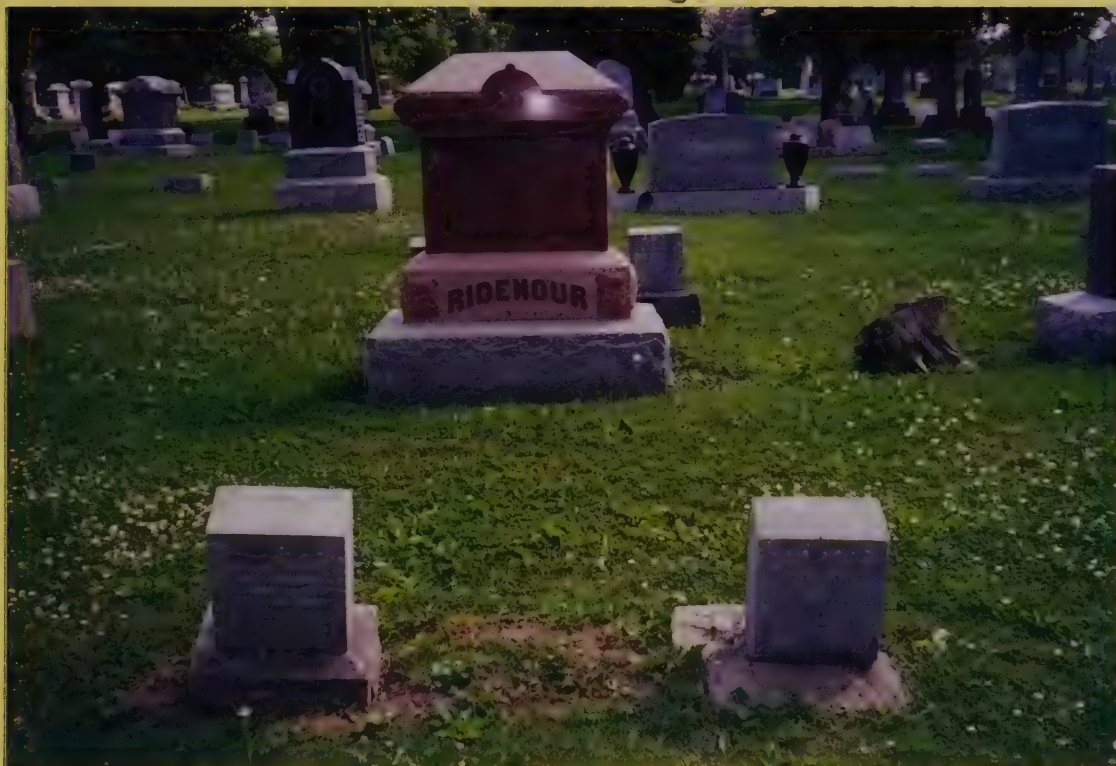
James A. Brown
1847-1921

Lucinda Brown
1849-1927

Lucinda, dau. of Henry Brown



Monroeville Cemetery

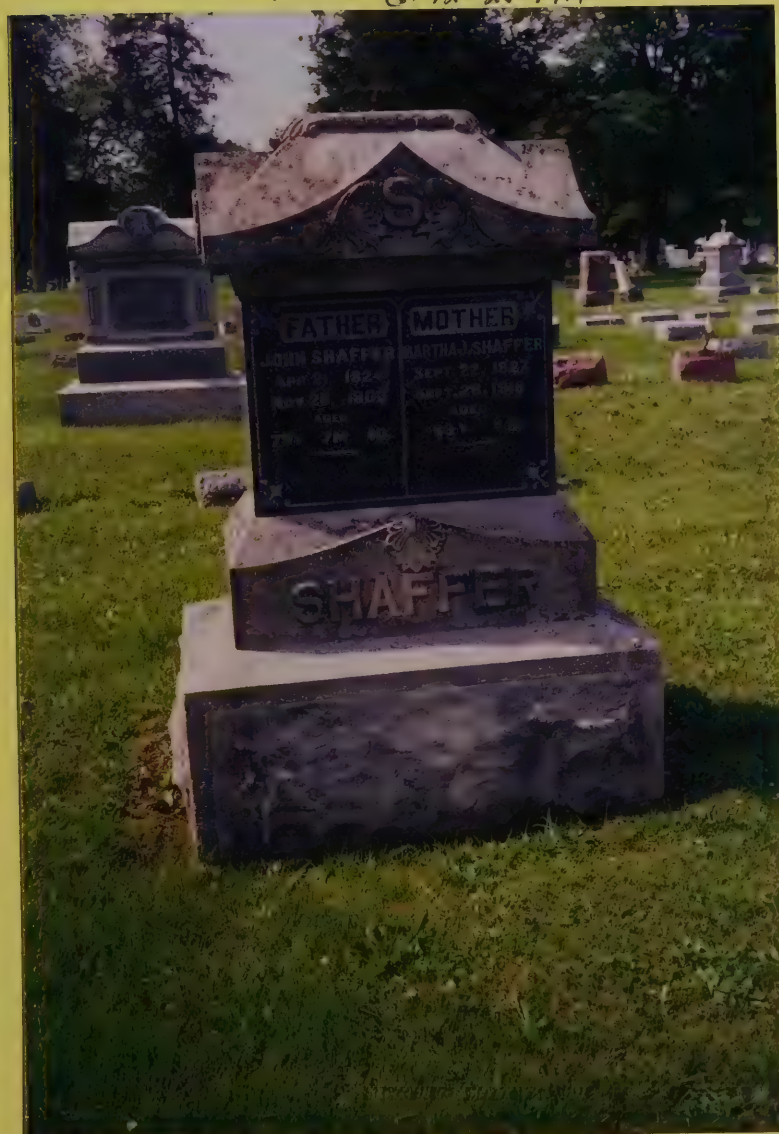


Ridenour

MARCUS is a
brother to Lewis,
my gr. gr. grandfather

Nancy J. b. 1-27-1835
d. 12-28-1914

MARCUS b. 1-1-1827
d. 7-4-1902



(SON of Jabez AND SUSANNAH)

John Shaffer

April 21, 1824

MARCH 25, 1903

Aged 79 yr 7 mo 4 d

Martha J. Shaffer

his wife

Sept. 22, 1827

Sept. 26, 1916

Aged 89 yr 4 days

(da. of Adam Robinson)

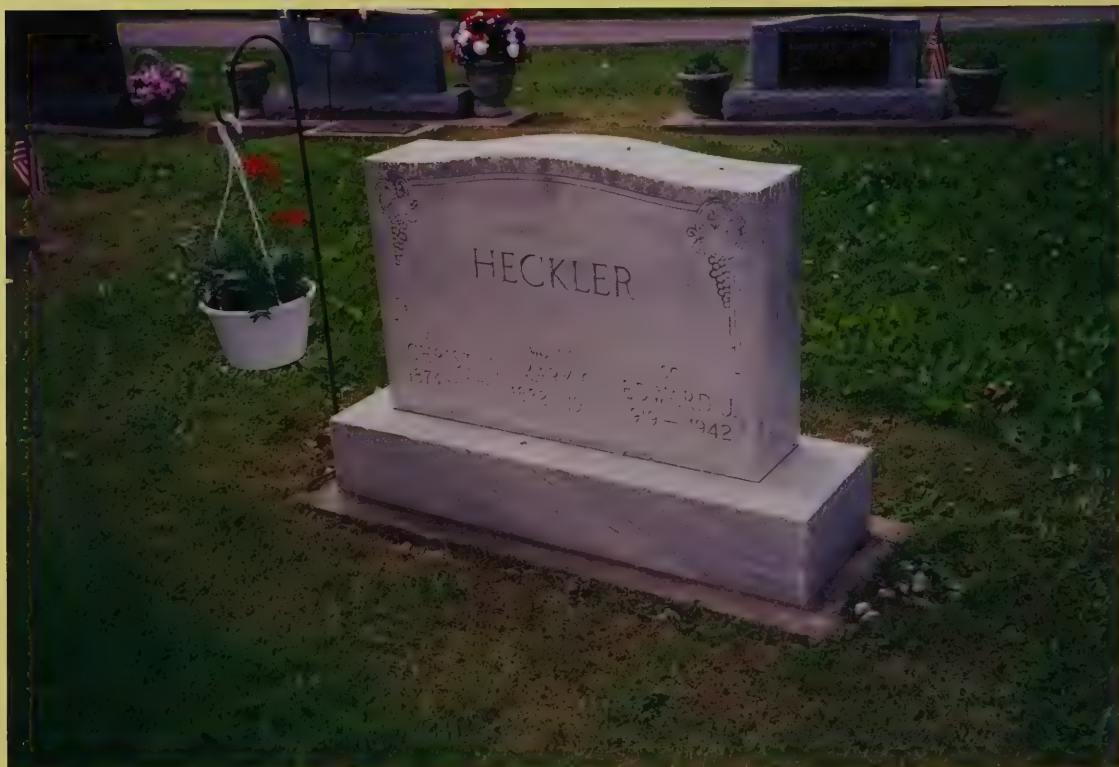
Nephew of our Valentine & Margaret



Lewis
1873-1942

Hattie
1875-1969

My Grandma and Grandpa Klinker



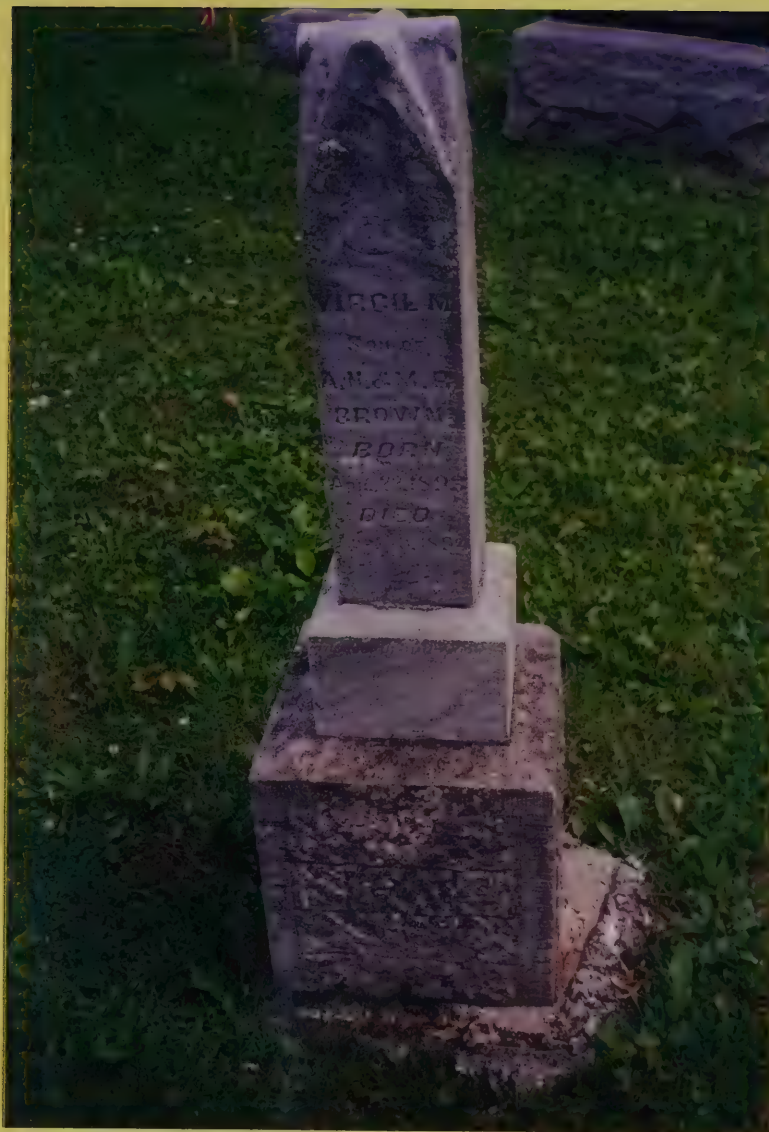
MARY Catherine
Shaffer

was step-sister
to Lydia Shaffer,
my great grandmother

Christ H. Heckler 1874-1950

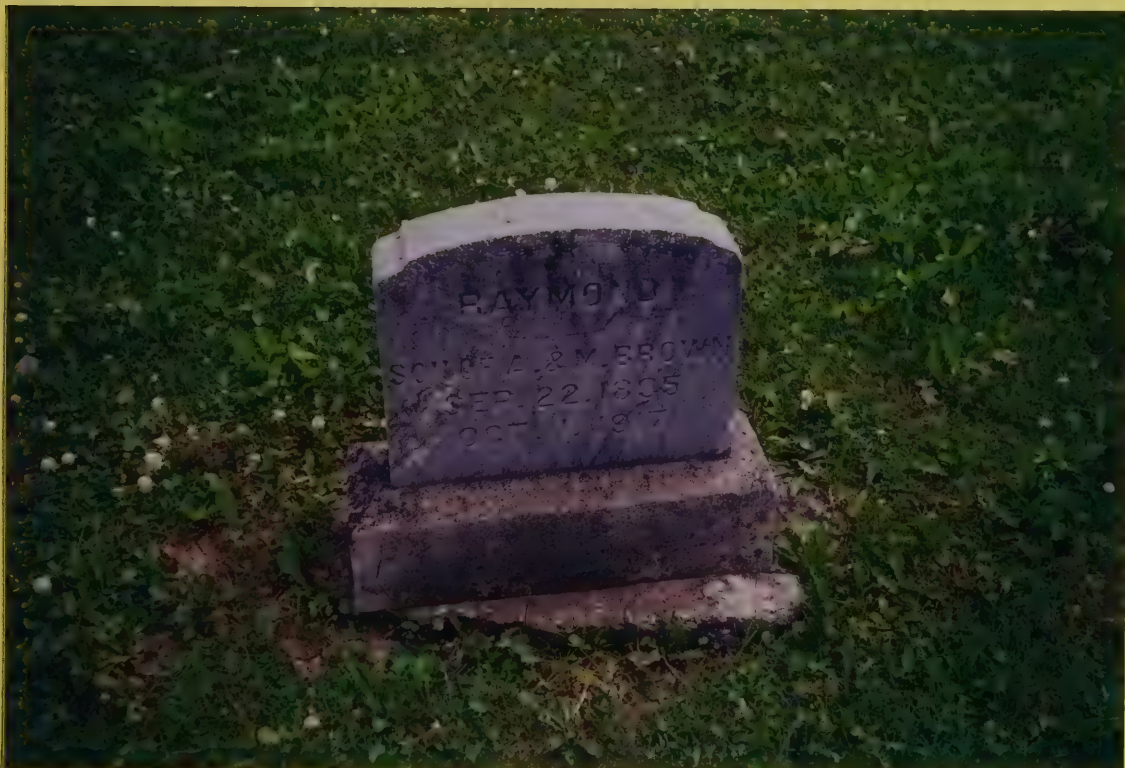
MARY C. (Shaffer) Heckler 1882-1959

Edward J. Heckler 1919-1942



Virgil M. BROWN
1893-1894

Raymond BROWN
1895-1917



Sons of Albert N. BROWN
Grandsons of James & Lucinda BROWN



Samantha V. Shaffer
1861-1863

Eliza Shaffer
b. 1-1857
d. 9-26-1864

Daughters of James F. Shaffer
and Mary Jane Rabbit





Luther was the
brother of Dr. Franklin

Ray, Son of Luther
Mabel was Mabel Croy



Cemetery on Shoaff Rd. north of Huntertown



Children of Luther and Fanny





Nov. 7
~~October 10~~, 2012

Betty,

The ACGSI meeting was intriguing.

Joy M. Giguere, a professor at Ivy Tech, spoke about tombstones.

Took these notes for you. Yes, it draws me in to look at my tombstone pictures again to see if what she described is there.

“Gravestones are documents, made of word and image.”

Reflects

- Religious beliefs

- Attitudes toward death/fate of soul

- Personal interests & relationships

Materials

- Pre-1650 wood

- 17th-18th Centuries slate

- Connecticut River Valley: Red sandstone

- 1815-1880 marble

- Local variations – in Indiana, limestone

- 1880-1910 white bronze/zinc(monumental bronze)

- 1870 to present granite (perishable)

- Metal e.g. iron crosses

- Concrete – mosaics created w/marble, glass

- Glass

Burial sites

- 17th-18th centuries small family plots

 - (common graveyards near meeting houses)

- 18th to 19th centuries town graveyards

- 1831-1860 “rural”cemeteries (inc. landscaping; more secure)

 - there were grave robberies before

- 1870's to 1900's lawn/park (regeneration of style)

- 1920's Memorial Parks - often flat tombstones

Early Colonial markers

- Wood single post or rail to about 1650

- Rough fieldstones

- Horizontal slabs aka Wolf Stones (tomb and stable stones)

Colonial markers 1670's -1800

Upright headstone/slab footstone

Slate 17th century

Thick & small

Large central arch

Often from local quarries

Lettering; floating punctuation

Common iconography

Winged death's head in 17th & 18th centuries

Puritan orthodoxy reflected in icons

"Here lies the body of" --no immortality

Mortality symbols (English origin)

Hourglass, crossbone, bell, coffin

Mid-18th Century

Cherub

The Great Awakening

Resurrection & heavenly rewards

Immortality of the soul

Mid 18th century 1750's – 1790's

A minor variant

Secular alternative to overtly ideological symbolism

Reflective of economic prosperity

Coral necklace on a woman engraved in tombstone+ single; a virgin

1790's -1820's Urn/Urn & willow

Neoclassical period

Symbol of commemoration

In memory of/ Sacred to the memory of...

Use of cenotaphs (commemorates someone NOT buried there)

Secularization of religion

19th Century (element of hell diminishes)

predominant use of marble (3-D materials)

Victorian sentimentalization of death

--flowers, doves, angels, lambs (a child), books (closed=life complete;

open=pages to be written on), hands (directional & grasping)

Mausoleums for upper class

Revival styles: Greek, Roman, Gothic, Egyptian

(carving techniques have improved)

Tree stumps – 1880's, early 1900's

Why? Anti-modernist movement

Reaction against granite monuments

(Some in Lindenwood & Catholic Cem. on Lake)

Zinc or white bronze --from 2' to 20'

Late 19th century

Hollow, since molded

Had removable plate

Metal markers (some in Catholic Cemetery on Lake)

Statuary and portraiture by mid 19th century

Mrs. George in Lindenwood

Fraternal Organization symbols

Freemasons

IOOF

Knights, etc.

Woodmen of the World

Modern, flat markers

Laser cutting technology—durability questionable

Photographs in headstones from 1860's to present

Recommended the books Stories in Stone by Douglas Kiester

Treestumps, Tombstones in Indiana by Suzanna Ridlen (sp?)

